

For the week beginning 17th February

February can feel dreary and quiet but offers an opportunity to rest and recharge our batteries after the busy holiday season. It is a time to slow down and reflect on our faith and where God might be calling us next and a time to reconnect with what is important in our lives.

It is also a month when we celebrate the unconditional love God has for us which sustains us as we journey in faith. His love is patient, kind and protective. A love that fills us with hope. It is a time for us to share God's love with those around us, whether through a chat or other act of kindness. This love can make a real difference in the world and our world really needs the grace of God's love.

As we approach Lent, may we take time to come before God in prayer.

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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