

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Is. 49: 3, 5-6; Ps. 39; 1 Cor. 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

Saturday 17th January 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls (Fernandes)	Sunday 18th January 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Bernie Francis (Trombetti) SJS singing 6:30pm Christian Unity Service at St. Paulinus
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Mon. 19th Jan. 2026 (Feria) (ST. WULSTAN, BISHOP) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mire Shkoza RIP (Gjoni) & Special intentions D.G.	Tues. 20th Jan. 2026 (Feria) (ST. FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving 8th Wedding Anniversary (E & B Nwoke)
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ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Wednesday 21st January 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Rt. Rev. John Hine RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Francis Clare McPartlin RIP (Family)	Thurs. 22nd Jan. 2026 (Feria) (ST. VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Nell Saunders RIP FM
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Fri. 23rd January 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Andrew Mensah Intention	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Saturday 24th January 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) [THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY]
Is. 8: 23-9: 3; Ps. 26; 1 Cor. 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23

Saturday 24th January 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, THE APOSTLE. Sunday 25th January 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Jim and Helga Connors RIP (A. Gillespie)
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Paul Counsell, Arthur Lintott, Ron Goodhind, William Wilkins, Harry Shelton, Sarah Price, Jerry Aikins, John Quicke, Dora Bushell, Kathleen Futter, Anne Smith, Elizabeth Goherty, Kathleen Dowling, William Young, Gladys Cain, Constance Dodge, Nell Saunders, Edith Looker, Alexander Coyles, Francis Waugh, Sr. Carmel Thérèse, Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Sr. Barbara Campbell.

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS!

The Spirit of God rested on Christ when He was baptised by John the Baptist. Through the giving of the Spirit John recognises Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We too through the gift of the Holy Spirit are to become the light of the world proclaiming salvation to the ends of the earth.



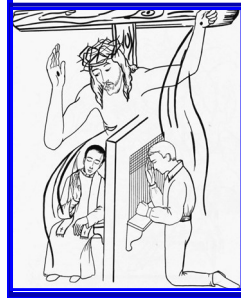
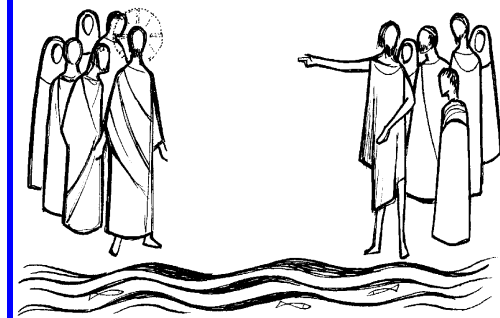
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Isaiah 49: 6c

“Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
 also, **WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 10TH/11TH JANUARY 2026:

Gift Aid: £207.50; Card: £65; Loose Plate: £273.88 ATTENDANCE: 247
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £424.00; Card: £35; Loose Plate: £140.53
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: THE HOLY LAND GROUP will be visiting our Parish to sell the Olive Wood carvings from the Holy Land to support the Christian Community in Bethlehem.

Next weekend: for ST GEORGE'S R. C. CATHEDRAL, Southwark, the Mother Church of our Archdiocese of Southwark.

31st January/1st February: for RACIAL JUSTICE.

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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Today's feast is a powerful reminder of the vocation to which we are called. It recalls our own baptism in consecrated waters which cleansed our souls from the state of sin and was the beginning of our relationship with God. The seeds of the Christian life are sown in baptism which means we belong to God's family, are able to call God, "Father" and Jesus Christ "our brother". Like Christ we have been chosen for a mission in the world of our time. The carrying out of that mission will only be possible if we are prepared to live in accordance with God's will. The truth is, baptism is not over and done with when the priest pours water over our head and the sacred ceremony is completed. The sacrament is planting the seed of Christian life which grows and bears fruit as we develop our relationship with God.

PEACE SUNDAY: 18TH JANUARY 2026

The Holy Father's 2026 message for the 59th World Peace Day is:
Peace be with you all: Towards an "unarmed and disarming" peace

"Peace be with you!" This ancient greeting, still in use today in many cultures, was infused with new life on the evening of Easter on the lips of the risen Jesus. "Peace be with you" (*Jn 20:19, 21*) is his Word that does not merely desire peace but truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality. For this reason, the Apostles' successors give voice every day throughout the world to the most silent of revolutions: "Peace be with you!" From the very evening of my election as Bishop of Rome, I have wanted to join my own greeting to this universal proclamation. And I would like to reiterate that this is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.

From the Vatican, 8th December 2025 Leo PP. XIV

NEXT SUNDAY - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - IS: THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY:

- 1) Please bring your personal and household Bibles, and New Testaments, to Holy Mass next Sunday for Blessing;
- 2) We may ask our Parish Readers to renew their Ministry as Readers of God's Holy Word.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY** at **12:15PM**.
The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7th to 13th June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26.

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the **World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027** at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027

For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride.

If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments – a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI>

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT? HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Christ the Kings Sixth Forms are seeking a dedicated, skilled Accountant to join their Board as a Governor.

Please see the notice board for further information.

EXAM INVIGILATORS

St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to maintain the integrity and security of both internal and external examinations, and to support and guide students calmly during their examination period. For more information and to apply, please visit

<https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies>

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?