

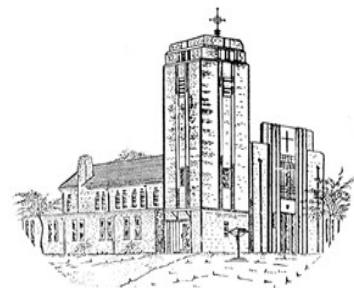


THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25TH JANUARY
TO 1ST FEBRUARY
2026

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Today's
Mass Readings
Isaiah 9:1b-4;
Ps 26;
1 Corinthians
1:10-13, 17;
Matthew 4:12-23
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Welcome to this House
of God:

Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

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THE WORD OF GOD: A SOURCE OF HOPE

The biblical expression chosen for the celebration of the seventh edition of the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: **“The word of Christ dwells among you”** (3:16). What we have received from the Apostle is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; he wants it to dwell, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, and make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies and renders fruitful the life of the Christian community.

It is particularly significant that this year the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul,

H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella

Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Purcell, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Janet Chamberlain, Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey, Bob Hennessey, and Doreen Kingscott, Lynne Allan.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Rudolf Sampays** and all those who have died recently. We also remember especially William McGrath, Wilfred Revill, Bridget Bourke, Nora Boyle, Bill Harborne, Sister Margaret, Alfreda Davis, Andrew Steward, Harry Stanley, Robert Reid, Elsie Wheatley, Wilma Lloyd, Michael Leahy, Mary Emery, Patrick Reilly, Bernadette Sampays, Victor Wadley, Edward Donohoe, Robert Hourihane, Hannah Leahy, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Rudolf Sampays is on Tuesday 24th February 2026, here in Holy Name Church at 10:45am, followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery at 12:15pm.

Reception into Church on Monday, 23rd February at 4:00pm.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture.

READERS

On this Sunday of the Word a thank you to all our Readers. Please will all Readers come to the Sacristy after one of the Sunday Masses this weekend for a very brief meeting. Thank you for your ministry.

This Week Saturday 25th January – Sunday 1st February (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 24th January Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12:30pm Ints of Sandra Pearson	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Andrew Steward R.I.P 10:30am Catherine and Michael Freeman	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends
Monday 26th January Memorial of Ss Timothy and	10:00am Ints of Sisters Blessed Virgin Mary and Mr & Mrs Moore	10:30am Rosary
Tuesday 27th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Sr Marie Browne	10:30am Rosary
Wednesday 28th January Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Pries, Doctor of the Church	10:00am Annie Pickersgill & Family	10:30am Rosary
Thursday 29th January Feria in Ordinary Time	7:00pm Marie Heavy	6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 30th January Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 noon John Blair R.I.P	11:00am Eucharistic Adoration 11:30am Divine Mercy
Saturday 31st January Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	12:30pm Keates & Grantham Family	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am John & Roy Phillips R.I.P 10:30am Helen Byrne R.I.P 12:00pm Baptism	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir

Last Week's Offertory Collection: £592.43	
Gift Aid Envelopes: £136.50	
Building Fund: £199.44	
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Next Sunday's Mass Readings:
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13;
Ps 145;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
Matthew 5:1-12a
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OFFICE HOURS
The Office will be open for Mass cards, Mass requests and general enquiries on:
Monday 10.00am –2.00pm
Tuesday 10.00am –2.00pm
WEDNESDAY OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday 10.00am –2.00pm
Friday 10.00am –2.00pm

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Monday 2nd February Holy Mass 10:00am with the Blessing of Candles for all at Mass.

THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE
Tuesday 3rd February Holy Mass 10:00am with the Blessing of Throats.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PIETY STALL -CARDS AND GIFTS FOR CONFIRAMTION CHILDREN

There is a selection of Confirmation cards and gifts and other items are available in the Piety Stall after the Masses.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY – ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Mark's Catholic Primary School is seeking a Foundation Governor to support the school's leadership and ensure the best for all of our children. This is a valuable opportunity to serve the parish and help guide the school's future.

For more information, please contact Fr. Christopher.