

# Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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## The Month of January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday, 18th January 2026 Psalter Week 2

#### Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m.

#### Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Peggy and Pat McGloin

**Monday** St Wulstan, bishop

No Mass

#### Tuesday (Totley)

St Fabian, pope, martyr  
St Sebastian, martyr

10.00 a.m.

#### Wednesday

St Agnes, martyr

10.00 a.m.

#### Thursday

St Vincent, deacon martyr

No Mass

#### Friday

*Feria*

12.00 p.m.

#### Saturday

St Frances de Sales, bishop

10.45 a.m.

#### Events for the Coming Week

Monday

SVP Meeting

Wednesday 6.15pm

Rainbows and Brownies

Friday 12.30pm

Lunch Club follows Mass

#### Next Week's Masses

#### Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kate Phelan

11.15 a.m. Kathleen Noone

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am

**Rosary** - 10.00am

**Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday 10.00am - 10.40am

**Pray for our sick:** Anne McPhee, Elizabeth Watson, Paul Smith, Philomena McNally, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, and Sue Jarman.

**Lately dead:** Anne-Marie Fletcher, Oliver Wragg, Stavros Souflas and Paul Harding RIP

#### Responsorial Psalm: 40

R: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 11th January 2026 was 247.03 Thank you.

**Come to Mass with no cash?** You can donate by card on the machines in the porch and by the side door. You can gift-aid too!

**Parish Youth Club – Friday 30th January, 6–8pm** We're excited to launch our new Parish Youth Club for young people in secondary school (Year 7 and above). It's a space to come together to pray, play, and spend time with Scripture in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Our first session will take place in the parish rooms on **Friday 30th January from 6–8pm**. Parents/Guardians must complete the consent form before their child can attend by scanning the QR code. The youth group will be supervised by parishioners who hold an up-to-date DBS check.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your support, please contact Josh Neal via Liz Mason.

**Peace Sunday**, observed this weekend, 18 January, invites Catholics across England and Wales to join in prayer for peace: peace in our world, in our communities, and within our own hearts. The Bishops of England and Wales remind us that the work of peace-making is not reserved for a few, but entrusted to each of us as followers of Christ.

This message resonates deeply with Pope Leo XIV's theme for the World Day of Peace on 1 January 2026, "Peace to you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace". In a world scarred by violence, division and uncertainty, the Pope's words call us to a renewed and courageous commitment to peace. His full message can be read on the Vatican website: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/peace/documents/20251208-messaggio-pace.html>

Peace Sunday is also an opportunity to highlight the work of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace and nonviolence. Rooted in the Gospel and active in more than 50 countries, Pax Christi empowers individuals and communities to build a world free from fear and violence. Their mission is grounded in the belief that peace is cultivated through prayer, education, courageous witness and practical action. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/about-pax-christi/>

**Parish WhatsApp Community** We will be launching our new Parish WhatsApp Community after the weekend Masses next week. This will be an announcements-only group for sharing parish news and updates, so members will not be able to post messages.

To join, you must be over 18 and agree to the group guidelines, which you will be asked to read before signing up.

We are also looking for someone to help with sign-ups after the 11:15am Mass. If you are able to support with this, please contact Liz Mason.

**Newsletter** - We are hoping to gradually stop printing hard copies of the newsletter. Most people now have access to phones, computers and emails addresses. This means you can access the newsletter online. This will not only save on the cost of printing but will also help save a tree!

However, we know not everyone has access with phones or computers so there will be hard copies. Meantime, please let me know if you would like your newsletter by email, and ensure we have an up-to-date email address.

**Advantages?** You receive it on Friday; you see it in colour; it goes straight to your inbox; no bits of paper in your bag; saving trees.

**Kath and Steve Corker** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words, it is much appreciated. We've felt the power of prayer as God has granted us lots of grace, strength and peace.

**Lost Property left in church** - there are a number of items in the lost property box in the far corner of the porch, including woolly hats, scarves, umbrellas and a pair of spectacles.

**Restored Lives** is an 8-week programme to help people recover from relationship breakdown due to separation or divorce. There is no time limit for when that happened. St Vincent's Church, Crookes is offering this face-to-face programme starting Monday evening 19 January.

**Dates** are: 19/26 January, 2/23 February 2026, 2/9/16/23 March. **Timings:** 7pm-8.45pm.

Please see <https://www.restoredlives.org/> for more information. **Total cost** of 8-week programme to cover materials and refreshments: **£15**. If £15 is an issue for you, please let us know in your email, as we want to offer the course to anyone who wants to attend, and funding may be available. Please email [restored.lives.sheffield@gmail.com](mailto:restored.lives.sheffield@gmail.com) to book your place.

**If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair please let Liz Mason, Fr Clement or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.**

## Marriage Preparation residential weekend course, 13 - 15 March 2026

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

### Ignatian Spiritual Exercises:

#### Mens' Retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

**Download - Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat**

### Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle,

#### 20 - 22 February 2026

2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church. In honour of this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

**World Day of Prayer Annual Service** on 6 March which this year has been prepared by women of Nigeria, with the theme of "I will give you rest, come". World Day of Prayer - a women led, global, ecumenical movement <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

**The Outreach Group** made the following disbursements on behalf of the parish at Monday's meeting: £750.00 to Ascend and a further £250 each to Ben's Centre, The Besom, Bethlehem Care and Hospice, Caritas Hallam, Grace Food Bank, Mind the Gap-Africa, Reaching the Unreached, St Wilfrid's Centre, Sheffield Samaritans, and the SVP furniture store – a total of £3,250 thanks to your generosity each month through the Give to Live collection, and the 100 Club, as well as your participation in the Raffle and Coffee, Cakes & Crafts.

If you want to know more about any of these, why not join us at the next meeting 9.2.26? Contact [david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com) Thank you for all your support in cash, kind, campaign or prayer.

### Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year, from 18 to 25 January, the Church observes a special period (octave) of prayer for Christian unity. It runs from the traditional Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome (January 18) until the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25). This year's event extends an invitation to draw upon a shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

This year's theme is "One Body, One Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4), Paul's epistles stress importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent 'one body and one Spirit', united in a single hope, transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members.

For more information visit the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) website <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>



Come and try **Alpha in S17**. Join a series of group conversations in an open, friendly environment.

**Launch Party** - 7pm Tuesday 20 January 2026 at The Dore Bar & Grill, 36 Church Lane, Dore, S17 3GS

**Course starts** - 7pm Tuesday 27 January 2026 at Dore Community Centre, Townhead Road, Dore, S17 3GA

The course is free and open to everyone. No booking is required but to express your interest, receive updates or just to find out more please:

**Email:** [s17alpha2026@gmail.com](mailto:s17alpha2026@gmail.com)

**Call or message:** Jill (07815 754880) or David (07895 262220)



**Grace Foodbank** many thanks for your ongoing support, both in church today and in store.

### RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme - 2025-2026 Thursdays at 6.00pm

Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a weekly course for all who wish to become a Catholic, for adult Catholics yet to receive their First Holy Communion or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Please come along.



**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.**

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**Mass of Christ the Saviour - Gloria 1013; Holy Holy 1014;  
Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Amen 1018; Lamb of God 1019**



**A Prayer for Peace Sunday**

God, our Creator and Redeemer,  
May we see the sorrow of war  
in the eyes of those who suffer and  
have known only violence in their lives.  
Give us a voice for those who have  
no voice and are not heard; those who  
know that there is no tomorrow in war,  
and that the violence of weapons destroys  
both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.  
That way, with your help,  
will we become true instruments of your peace.  
Amen (Pax Christi)

**A Daily Prayer for Ordinary Time**

God, Lord and master of the vineyard and harvest,  
you allot us our daily tasks  
and determine the just rewards of our labours.  
Help us to bear the burden of each day  
and to accept your will in all things  
without complaint.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer for Christian Unity**

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,  
who makes us more open to each other, resolves conflict,  
and strengthens our bonds of communion.  
May we grow in mutual affection  
and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more  
faithfully,  
that the world may come together in unity  
and welcome the Prince of Peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This Week's Readings  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 40

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

**Gospel:** *John 1: 29-34*

**Next Week's Readings**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 9:1b-4*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 27

**Second Reading:** *Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 4:12-23*

**The Pope's Prayer Intention – 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.

**January**  
**William Carlos Williams**

Again I reply to the triple winds  
running chromatic fifths of derision  
outside my window:

Play louder.

You will not succeed. I am  
bound more to my sentences  
the more you batter at me  
to follow you.

And the wind,  
as before, fingers perfectly  
its derisive music.

**This Week's Ministries 17/18 January 2026**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, D Hilliard
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, L Grady
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, M Paterson
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	B Ayanleke, R Gasser, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	M Harrison, J McNally, P Corkell

**Next Week's Ministries 24/25 January 2026**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	A Peacey, J Bourne
	11.15 a.m.	B Jones, A Willcock
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	M Ayanleke, C Parsons, N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones, K O'Brien
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones