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The Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 26th January 2025 (C)**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Elizabeth Grant

11.15 a.m. Tomās and Teresa
Devilley and Family

Monday St Angela Merici, virgin

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Thomas Aquinas, priest

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday St John Bosco, priest

12.00 p.m. Christina Hunt

Saturday *Feria*

No Mass

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Liam Treacy

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Anne Moisey

Pray for our sick: Sheila Nixon
Pat Durkin, Brenda Charles,
Theresa Greensmith, Stephen Bingley,
Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman,
Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton,
Pauline Souflas, Patricia McGuone,
Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst,
Teddy Howes and Paul Smith.

Lately dead: Paddy McGloin (father of
Mary Harrison), Beryl Tucker (Mother of
Andy) RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 19

R: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Events for the Coming Week

Friday 12.30 Lunch Club follows Mass
at noon.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total
for 19th January 2025 is £486.05. 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!

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.

Registered Charity No 512021

We thank and warmly welcome Fr Geoff Bottoms and Fr Chris Ainslie, who will be celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Please note there are no weekday Masses this week except for the Lunch Club Mass on Friday.

Sunday of the Word of God - TODAY

In 2019 Pope Francis established this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as a special day for celebrating the Word of God and as a timely reminder to Catholics at the start of each year of the importance of a good knowledge of Scripture, through which God speaks to us.

This year's theme, "I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74), invites us to reflect on the hope and guidance the Bible offers in the Christian journey. As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis will preside over a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark this occasion.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis reminds us that "the relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians." As we mark this special Sunday, let us renew our devotion to the Word of God, allowing it to inspire, guide, and transform our lives.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

As has already been highlighted in the newsletter, 2025 has been declared by Pope Francis a Jubilee Year, running from 24 December 2024 until the Feast of the Epiphany 2026. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope' We are in a world that now more than ever needs hope. In a time of global political, social and economic instability. We are seeing conflicts, climate change and the legacy of the pandemic. The Jubilee, last held in the year 2000, will see an estimated 30 million people visit Rome. But, while pilgrimage is an integral part of the Jubilee, not everyone can visit Rome.

So... what do we want the jubilee to look like in our Parish? How are we going to live out the jubilee here day by day? Have you ideas of how we can, as pilgrims of hope, deepen our relationships with God and each other? **The parish council would love to hear from you.** Please email any thoughts/ideas to judithwilde@hotmail.co.uk If we could get as many ideas as possible in **by Jan 31st** it would be much appreciated.

Today 26th January 2025 is World Leprosy Day. There is ***no second collection*** but for further information or to make a donation please send to: PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0YB
Tel: 07979 187498
Email: info@johnbradburne.com
Website: www.johnbradburne.com

1st Sunday collections: ...Give to Live, the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the basket on the Offertory Table, will be next Sunday, the first in the month – small change makes a **BIG DIFFERENCE** to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity last month which raised £76.95.



.....and tinned tuna and meat, particularly ham, for St Wilfrid's Centre. Thank you.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

It has long been a day for processions, as we remember the Lord's entry into the Temple, the house of his Father for the first time, and with the blessing of candles carried in procession in honour of Christ, "the light to enlighten the Gentiles".

You are invited to bring a candle from home to Mass with you for the blessing.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Mini Vinnies 2025 - Meeting this Sunday!!

Molly Barham writes:

The group is made up of young people from the parish aged 7 and up. We meet between the two Sunday Masses once a month.

The first meeting of the year is **this Sunday 26th January**. If you have not come along before and are interested in joining us do feel free to drop in.

If there are any adults who feel they could get involved, please get in touch with me.

All adults have to have a DBS check which can be arranged through the parish safeguarding team.

The future meeting dates for the year are as follows:

2nd March, 27th April, 18th May, 29th June, 27th July, 24th August, 28th September, 19th October, 30th November, and 21 December.

Holocaust Memorial Day (this Monday)

Holocaust Memorial Day is marked every year on 27th January and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and the genocides which followed.

This Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

This year's theme is *For a Better Future*. There are many things we can all do to create a better future. We can speak up against Holocaust and genocide denial and distortion; we can challenge prejudice; we can encourage others to learn about the Holocaust and more recent genocides.

The Council for Christians and Jews (CCJ), a nationwide forum for Christian-Jewish engagement has prayers, reflections and advice on how to commemorate the Holocaust in churches.

"We commit ourselves to stand against antisemitism, injustice and prejudice wherever it be may be found. Together we remember the Holocaust and pray that love will triumph over evil."

Bishop Declan Lang, Emeritus Bishop of Clifton

Vocations Event for Women

The Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) are running a **Vocations Weekend for Women** (20s and 30s) -**Discerning God's Call in your life 21st - 23rd February Location: Liverpool**

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

Christian Heritage Centre (Stoneyhurst) Courses

The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

Mens' Spiritual Exercises, 30 March – 4 April 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>



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



Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day (Monday)

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish darkness, love will prevail over hate, and good will triumph over evil. Amen

St Thomas Aquinas, whose feast day is this Tuesday, was one of the greatest medieval theologians. As a priest and Dominican, he might have been expected to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But his vision was broad and deep enough to recognise the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be cherished. The teachings of St Thomas Aquinas inspire us to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn and understand. At the same time we should always thank God for the gift of His revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

Thursday 30 January is the feast day of **Saint John Bosco**. Born of a peasant family in Piedmont in 1815, he became a priest in Turin. As in many cities, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to their care, first by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties his enterprise grew. By 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales, a saint for whom he had great admiration. John Bosco died in 1888, and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

A Daily Morning Prayer

Almighty Lord and God, protect us by your power throughout the course of this day, even as you have enabled us to begin it.

Do not let us turn aside to any sin, but let our every thought, word and deed aim at doing what is pleasing in your sight.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This Week's Readings
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 8-10*

Responsorial Psalm: *19*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

Gospel: *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

Next Week's Readings
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4*

Responsorial Psalm: *24*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

This Week's Ministries 25/26 January 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, J Carter
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, I Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby, A Tucker, A Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell, M Harrison, J McNally

Next Week's Ministries 1/2 February 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran +1
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman, R Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcok, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	M Mahon, M Ayanleke, C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, K O'Brien, S Campos
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	S Reynolds