



## Time & Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9 am	Second Sunday Ordinary Time A	Pat Jackson (A)	Holy Family
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.15 am	Second Sunday Ordinary Time A	Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.		Weekday in O.T.		The church is closed
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Dee Kelly	Our Lady V
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	9am	St. Agnes, Martyr	S.I. Riley Family	Our Lady V
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	9 am	St. Vincent, Martyr	James Singleton (L.D.)	Our Lady V
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.		Our Lady V
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday St Francis de Sales		Our Lady V
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9 am	Third Sunday Ordinary Time A	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.15 am	Third Sunday Ordinary Time A	Ann Prendergast (LD)	Our Lady V

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions:** Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12  
**Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion:** Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.  
**Baptisms, Weddings:** by appointments.

**Wednesday Club: / Tuesday Nursery:** You are welcome!

### We pray for all who are sick and elderly:

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, Mark Fieldsend.

**We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time:** Harold Woods, Mike Carran, Mary Morrison, Annie Begley, Hugh Paulley, Mary Tuft, Norah Hoare, Elizabeth Clarke.

**We pray for those who have recently died:** Mrs Ashley Mulhall (9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2026, aged 87 years).

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## Second Sunday Ordinary Time (A): 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Jesus, the Lamb of God

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. Jesus has come into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the slavery of sin, taking humanity's faults upon himself. In what way? By loving. There is no other way to defeat evil and sin than with the love that moves one to give the gift of his life for others. The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight.

The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenceless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack.

And this is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

Today we ask ourselves the same question that Pope Francis asked himself on 19th January 2014 when addressing a big crowd for the Angelus, **"What does it mean for the Church, for us, today to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God?"**

And this was his answer, **"It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. Being disciples of the Lamb means that we must not live like a "city under siege," but like a city on a hill, open, welcoming, solidary. It means not having an attitude of closedness, but proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us more free and more joyful".**

*Father Sergio, Parish Priest*



### **Wednesday Club at Our Lady of Victories: As if it were ... Scottish Burns Night: Haggis, Neeps & Tatties:**

We're gonna pretend it's Burns Night this week at the Wednesday Club. We're gonna have vegetarian haggis, neeps and tatties with a nip of whiskey. You are most welcome. Looking forward to seeing you!



**Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture – Sunday 18 January, 2pm** The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture at St Vincent de Paul, L1 5JN. Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace': Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World." All are welcome to attend!

Sign up: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/peacesunday>

**Civic Mass – Sunday 15 February** The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, has pleasure in inviting you to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk). We hope very much that you will be able to attend, and we look forward to welcoming you and your guest to the Civic Mass to celebrate all that is good in our City.

**Meet Your Archbishop – Wednesday, 28 January, 5:00pm** The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop John Sherrington. It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY O. T. CYCLE A

### **First reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him —  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength —  
he says:  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'  
*The word of the Lord*

### **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The word of the Lord*

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;  
to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become  
children of God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary

**THANK YOU** – I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to dismantle and pack away all Christmas decorations. We are so blessed having so many dedicated people for all our Parisha Activities.

*Fr Sergio*

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40(39)**

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

I waited, I waited for the LORD, and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering, but in an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:  
'I delight to do your will, O my God; your instruction lies deep within me.'

Your uprightness I have proclaimed in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O LORD.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God**, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.