



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 4

18th January 2026

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**Sat 17: St Antony**

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Tom Budrevicius (ints)

**Sun 18:**

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: O'Connell Family (ints)

6.00pm:

**Mon 19:**

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Sister Pius Calligan RIP

**Tues 20: St Sebastian**

9.30am Morning prayer

**10am: Lloyd Fernando RIP**

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Life Ascending Meeting - JP Room

**Wed 21 St Agnes**

6pm: Mary Cahill (ints)

**Thu 22 St Vincent**

9.30am Morning prayer

**10am: Marty & Brenda Cleary (ints)**

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea &amp; Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration &amp; Confessions (Church)

**Fri 23**

9.30am Morning prayer

**10am: Patrick Cahill ann RIP**

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

**Sat 25: St Francis De Sales**

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

**6pm: Christopher Kelly****Sun 26: Third in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)**

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Ivor Francis ANN RIP

6.00pm:

**Look, There Is The Lamb of God That Takes Away The Sins Of The World**

John the Baptist declared Jesus to be a Saviour chosen by the Father to reconcile the whole world into one family, the Family of God. Besides the mission of bringing back the exiles and gathering the dispersed children of God, Jesus was chosen to be the light and salvation of the entire world: "All the earth will see the salvation of our God."

Jesus received the Holy Spirit to fulfil the task assigned to him by the Father. Led by the Spirit, he began his public proclamation at the synagogue in Nazareth when he had the opportunity to read Holy Scripture. There he read the prophecy of Isaiah, which described the mission he would undertake — a mission that began to be fulfilled as the passage was read.

Today we are also celebrating "Peace Sunday." Peace is Christ's gift to the whole world. In Scripture, peace is the fulfilment of God's plan, the full realisation of humanity's original aspirations, desires and perfection, and the well-being of all creation under his care.

Jesus blessed his disciples with a peace different from the peace we try to build on earth. "We are in a world torn by violence and war, a time of uncertainty" (*Bishop Arnold's letter*). Pope Leo's message, "Peace be with you all, toward an unarmed and disarming peace," is a challenging but inspiring goal. The Pope reminds the world that peace is not founded on fear, threats, or weapons but on open hearts that can create mutual understanding, hope and conflict resolution.

Peace is the gift we receive from Jesus and is meant to be extended to all communities, both small and large. Our families are the first centre of peace and love.

The Church, as God's family, must be an example, source and promoter of peace. The international community of nations is the forum where justice, peace, and fraternity should be genuinely promoted with sincerity, by sacrificing individualistic interests that undermine unity and common understanding.

Peace fulfils God's creation plan. Love is the essential nature of God — he is love itself: openness, compassion, justice, and transparency. Let us not betray or destroy the divine nature God gave us when he created us in the image of his Son.

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## NOTICES

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Bunty Flynn on Thursday 15th January. Please keep Bunty's family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

**Any notices for the parish newsletter** can be emailed to the parish office: [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) whilst Fr Godfrey is away.

**Fr Enrique Rituerto** is available at the presbytery whilst Fr Godfrey is away. Please contact him when necessary; for emergencies, he can be reached at 07440 265073.

### **Pax Christi: Peace Sunday 18th January**

The Bishop's Conference asks us to reflect on Pope Leo's message on this year's World Day of Peace: Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace. For more information please visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

**There will be a retiring collection after Mass today to support Pax Christi's work. Donation Envelopes are available at the back of the church.**

Please give generously to Pax Christi's work which includes promoting non-violence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. If you are unable to give on the day, you can also donate via their website. Thank you.

**Life Ascending Meeting** is on Tuesday 20th January after the 10am Mass.

**Churches Together for Chipping Barnet Week of Prayer in Christian Unity 19 - 25 January 2026** invites you to join them at the following venues. Please try to attend. All are welcome.

**Theme:** 'One Body, One Spirit' (based on Ephesians 4:4). **Time:** 12.30pm-1.30pm followed by a simple Soup Lunch (please note there is no lunch available on Wednesday):-

**Mon 19th:** Underhill Baptist Church. Rev Martin Berry.

**Tue 20th:** St Peter's Church, Arkley. Rosemary Watkins.

**Wed 21st:** Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane. Rev Ray Thomas.

**Thu 22nd:** St Marks Church, Barnet Vale. Rev Tristan Chapman

**Fri 23rd:** Christ Church, St Albans Road. Rev Andy Rimmer.

**Sat 24th:** Wyburn Room at Wesley Hall. Rev Abe Yiadom-Konadu

**Sun 25th:** United Service at Barnet URC, Wood Street. Rev Dominic Grant. Guest Speaker: TBC.

### **MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:**

**Gathering:** 883 Christ be our light.

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

**Gospel Acc:** Vs: We have found the Messiah, who is the Christ; grace and truth came through him.

**Offertory:** Love, love, Jesus is love. God's greatest gift is the gift of love. All creation sings together, praising God for love. © 1995, 1999 Owen Alstott. OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

**Communion:** 598 Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God. He takes away the sin, the sin of the world.

**Going Forth:** 854 You are salt for the earth, O people.



**Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them:** David Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Rosemary Chester, Lorraine Norrie, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Bernadette Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Nula Mole.

**Recently Died:** Bunty Flynn, Kit Naylor.

**Deceased Anniversaries:** Patrick Cahill, Michael Gallagher, Marjorie King, Michael Collins, K C Stephen

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**OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED**

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