



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 1
25th January 2026
Year A(II)
Sat 24: St Francis De Sales

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Christopher Kelly

Sun 25: Third in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Ivor Francis ann RIP

6.00pm:

Mon 26: Sts Timothy & Titus

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Michael Kielthy

Tues 27: Saint Angela Merici

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Michael Mealy RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

Wed 28: St Thomas Aquinas

6pm: Marie-Christine Soraf RIP

Thu 29

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Francis Sossaipillai & Philomena Francis RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 30

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Ita Donlon RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 31: St John Bosco

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Lloyd Fernando RIP

Sun 01: Fourth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Cameno & Carmena Vassallo (ints)

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm:

The People Who Lived In Darkness Has Seen A Great Light: Jesus Christ

Since God created us in the image of His Son, the world has been walking the path of darkness and light.

The light is a sign of joy, beauty, transparency, and security, an indicator of the best way to follow. Light is life; it is given freely to all who feel its need, to those who search for it. The light enlightens the way, facilitates smooth and swift walking and running, drives away doubts and fears, encourages encounters between people, and creates an atmosphere of joy.

Beyond these beautiful images, the light is God Himself. He is the light that gives life to the world, victory, and freedom from the slavery of sin and death. "The Word was the true light that gives light to everyone" (John 1:9). The response to Psalm 27 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

The prophet Isaiah reports how the Lord comes to the aid of the humbled land of Zebulun and Naphtali: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

With such consoling words from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus recognised that God His Father gave Him the mission of proclaiming the Good News to all, beginning in Galilee. He chose and called the twelve apostles to help Him fulfil the prophecies. He gave them power, talents, and the joy of being companions in evangelisation. Jesus and His apostles rejoiced, seeing the wonders of giving light, hope, and joy to those searching for the Good News of God.

We, too, from Baptism were called to be prophets, priests, and kings and were given the Holy Spirit to fulfil our vocation and mission. With humble spirit but with confidence, courage, and joy, we are called to proclaim salvation to all in the name of Jesus. We will not be alone; the Spirit of Jesus and God the Father will be our wisdom, joy, and strength in such evangelising tasks. Amen.

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NOTICES

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Bunty Flynn and Eileen Fitzpatrick. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

Any notices for the parish newsletter can be emailed to the parish office: 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.

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

Theme: 'One Body, One Spirit' (based on Ephesians 4:4). **Time:** 12.30pm-1.30pm followed by a simple Soup Lunch.

Remaining Dates:

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.

Mass for the Sick: Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7th February at 2.00pm, celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. **Attendance is by reservation via our parish office only.**

To reserve your place, please forward your contact details to the parish office addressed to Nicole as soon as possible and indicate which category applies to you.

Tickets are designated in three categories: 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing. 2. Those who are sick, who wish to be anointed but do not require walking aids, and 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. Please also provide an email or mobile number for ticket collection.

Life Ascending Group meet on Tuesday 3rd February after 10am Mass.

**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father
for the Year 2026**

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. Amen.

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

Gathering: 697 Sing a new song unto the Lord

Psalm 27 R/ The LORD is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acc: Vs: Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.

Offertory: 871 Lord, you have come to the seashore

Communion: The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my salvation.

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Going Forth: 863 Follow me, follow me



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 and Eileen Fitzpatrick.

Deceased Anniversaries: Ivor Francis.

Contact Information: Parish Office: barnet@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 8449 3338

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED

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