

| Jan 2026   | Time    | MASS INTENTIONS             | FEAST DAY                   |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAT 17th   | 6.00pm  | Joe & Freda Ouslem+         | 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| SUN 18th   | 8.30am  | Parishioners                |                             |
|            | 10.30am | Bill Evans+(MM)             |                             |
| Mon 19th   | 11.00am | Service for Christian Unity |                             |
| Tues 20th  | 10.00am | Mary Bithell+               |                             |
| Wed 21st   |         | NO MASS                     |                             |
| Thurs 22nd | 10.00am | Peggy Davies+               |                             |
| Fri 23rd   |         | NO MASS                     |                             |
| SAT 24th   | 6.00pm  | Malcolm Taylor+             | 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| SUN 25th   | 8.30am  | Bernard Mullarkey+          |                             |
|            | 10.30am | Parishioners                |                             |

## READERS FOR WEEK 17th/18th January 2026

Saturday 6.00pm Carol Royston  
 Sunday 8.30am Stephen Olugbode  
 Sunday 10.30am Philip Leddy  
**24th/25th January 2026**  
 Saturday 6.00pm Mary Jones  
 Sunday 8.30am Pauline Moss  
 Sunday 10.30am Richard Hansen

## CLEANING ROTA

More volunteers for cleaning are needed.

### Week Beginning 19th January 2026

Group 3: S Morris/V Strong/M Hollaran

### Week Beginning 26th January 2025

Group 4: McNally Family

## REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am Mass

Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.



## REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We also pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

## YEAR BOOK AND DIRECTORY

The 2026 Year Book and Directory are available at the Repository. Priced £5. Money to be put into box by Repository.

## Bitesize

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.—William E. Gladstone



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**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Sunday 18th January 2026**



*'Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.'*

**Peace Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
 Towards and 'unarmed and disarming' peace**

This year's Peace Sunday theme, "Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace," reminds us that peace isn't just something for governments or world leaders. It begins with us, in our homes, workplaces and communities. "Unarmed" peace means choosing patience instead of anger, listening instead of assuming, and seeking understanding instead of winning arguments. "Disarming" peace means helping others feel safe, welcomed and respected.

Small steps matter: reaching out to someone who feels isolated, supporting those affected by conflict, speaking kindly, or joining local efforts for justice and reconciliation. As followers of Christ, we are invited to make peace a daily habit, trusting that God can multiply even the smallest acts of goodwill.

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## Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

## 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.'

## 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.

## 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.

**Alleluia, 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.**

## 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.'



## MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC)



Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar from the Knights of Saint Columba (KSC) in support of our two-year charitable National Action Project 'Alma Mater'. We are delighted to announce that the calendar sales raised a total of £2,500, with all proceeds going to the national charitable project. Your support and generosity are sincerely appreciated and play an important part in helping this worthwhile cause.'

## CYTUN—Churches Together

Our church will be hosting for Christian Unity Week an Ecumenical Service on **Monday 19th January at 11.00am**. The theme for this year's Christian Unity Week is 'One Body, One Spirit' Please come along and support this.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from **18–25 January 2026**, inviting Christians to pray together for unity in the Church. The theme is taken from Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." It reminds us that, despite different traditions, we share one hope in Christ and are called to live in love and harmony. You could join an ecumenical prayer service, share a simple prayer with neighbours from other churches, host a joint breakfast, or light a candle each evening while praying for visible unity. Let's walk and pray together this week!

## ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The Welsh Government has confirmed, through the Business Statement, that the Legislative Consent Motion on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will be debated and voted on in the Senedd on Tuesday 27 January.

The joint statement of Archbishop Mark and Bishop Peter is available to read on the notice board in the porch. You will see in the statement there is both a request for prayer and also an invitation to make Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January a day of fasting.

[The e-action campaign](#) is still open and parishioners are encouraged to contact their Member of Senedd as soon as possible.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

The Parish Days for all the First Holy Communion children to attend are on the following Saturdays from 10.00am—12 Noon in the Church Hall:-

- \* **Saturday 7th February**
  - \* **Saturday 28th February**
  - \* **Saturday 25th April**
  - \* **Saturday 23rd May**
- Extra dates for none St Mary's children:-
- \* **Sunday 25th January /Sunday 8th March /Sunday 19th April**
  - \* **Sunday 10th May/Sunday 17th May /Sunday 31st May**

These lessons will take place during the 10.30am Mass. The date for the **First Confession is Saturday 14th March 2026** and **Holy Communion will be Saturday 6th June 2026**.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

The dates for Confirmation instruction sessions are:- **Mon 19th Jan 26th Jan and Mon 2nd February at 5.30pm—6.30pm in the Parish Centre** The Date for Confirmation is Fri 6th February at 6pm.

## JOURNEY OF FAITH

Please note that the next meeting for the Journey of Faith will be on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre instead of Thursday.