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3rd Sun in Ord Time-Sunday of the Word of God

25th January 2026



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for 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.

Sun 25th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	B Howley R.I.P.; M Kelly Int M Mambafer R.I.P.; People of the Parish M Lee R.I.P.; R Agyemang R.I.P. Okafor Family Int	No Evening Mass
Mon 26th	Sts Timothy & Titus	S M Alvares E.I.P.; Holy Souls C & T Int; H & A Wedding Anniv	
Tues 27th	Feria	J Menezes R.I.P.	
Wed 28th	St Thomas Aquinas	Uwechue Int; P Brown Int	
Thurs 29th	Feria	P Coffee R.I.P.	First Reconciliation 6.30 p.m.
Fri 30th	Feria	Emmanuelle & Adam Int	
Sat 31st	St John Bosco	M Young R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

Love and call

We notice a big change of Life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord, leaving behind their old jobs and roles but also what might block them from living fully. To follow the Lord joyfully we need to believe in ourselves as valued in the sight of God. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we have to let them go.

A child whose parents are separated often feel unloved and needs the care and love that shows they are okay, many addicted people have, deep down, a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God, the humble God who became one of us in love. In religion we need to touch into the love and the call of God, by gradually letting go of the things in the world that prevent us from knowing God's love.

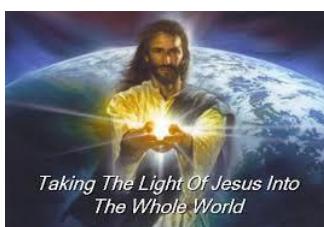
The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week can get this new thing, the love of God.

Everything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.

Is there anything keeping you from living in God's love?

Ask his help in this.

Lord, Let me know your love day by day and share with all I meet.



- **Fr Albert** will not be available on Monday

- **Mary Lee R.I.P.** Mary passed away peacefully in her home following a long illness borne with dignity. Mary has been a stalwart member of English Martyrs parish and St Margaret Clitherow school communities for fifty years.

Mary led the Music Group in the parish for many years. She was also a reader at Sunday mass until her eyesight started to deteriorate. The Easter Triduum was her favourite part of the liturgical year. She would spend hours preparing the music for the weekend celebrations. One of Mary's favourite readings is from the Book of Genesis. It is the first Reading at the Easter Vigil read by Mary for many years in her usual meticulous voice. Over the years Mary supported many charities here in the parish and overseas. Her generosity knew no bounds. She made a difference to so many people's lives.

Almost fifty years ago Mary volunteered to clerk for the governing body at St Margaret Clitherow School until a permanent one could be appointed. She then became a Foundation Governor appointed by the Archbishop. Like everything Mary took on she excelled by her commitment to the welfare of the children and staff. Mary was an avid reader and enjoyed going into school on a weekly basis to listen to the children read. She provided many books for the school library. Mary attended the class assemblies regularly in fact one of her last outings was to a concert at the school.

Mary will be sorely missed by her many friends. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

- **Requiem Mass for Mary will be on Monday, 2nd February at 11 a.m.**

- **Next Baptism will be on Sunday, 15th February after the 11 a.m. Mass. There will be a preparation session for parents on Wednesday 11th after the evening Mass. Parents are asked to return the application and the godparent forms by Sunday 8th February. Thank you for your cooperation.**

- **Parish Finance: Last Week's Collection:**
Envelope: £814 **Loose Plate** £954
Crib Appeal – Catholic Children's Society: £1072
White Flower Appeal: £463
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.
- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguard-

- **Terry Flavius R.I.P.** Requiem Mass for Terry will be on Friday, 6th February at 11 a.m. Please continue to remember Terry's family in your prayers.
- **Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy** to Ryan O'Connor on the death of his dad Roddy who died last week.
- **Reception** on Thursday 12th February at 6 p.m., Requiem Mass on Friday 13th at 11 a.m.
- May they both rest in peace.

- **Planned Giving Drive:** Next weekend we will launch our Planned Giving Drive; it will continue over the following two weeks. It has been more than ten years since we had the last one, and following consultation with the Parish Finance committee and the Diocese, it was decided another campaign was required to meet the needs of the parish in the coming years. Thank you to every parishioner who has supported the parish over the years.