

 3rd Sunday of the Year (A) Mass Times and Intentions Divine Office – Psalter Week 3 		
Saturday 24 th January	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th January	11.00am	Roy Stott
Tuesday 27 th January	11.30am	Requiem Mass – Susan Barrow
Wednesday 28 th January	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 29 th January	9.30am	
Saturday 31 st January	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st February	11.00am	Ken Fidler

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January



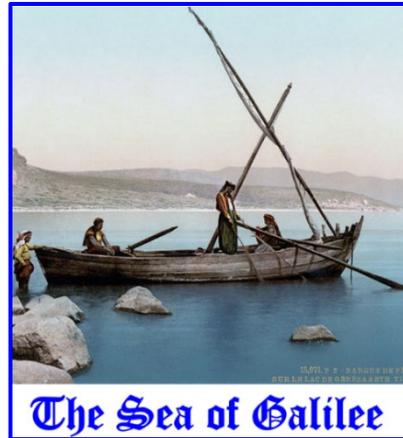
For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and the Feast of the Holy Name is celebrated on 3rd January. "All beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus, and every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10)

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25th January 2026



In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah we hear how God, through the Prophet, chastised the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali for their wickedness in abandoning God in favour of riches from trade. At the same time, He promises that if they turn away from their evil ways He will again shine a "great light upon them" and "they will rejoice as at the time of the harvest." Unfortunately, this did not happen in their lifetime because they refused to open their hearts and minds to God. We might say that when Jesus lived in the region, He was "the light." Unfortunately, they didn't accept Him either.

The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of hope and trust in God and His ways. Left to ourselves we would surely end up as the people of Zebulun and Naphtali did, enslaved by the enemy. This is a prayer that we should all say frequently.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In this passage, Paul tells us that there are many people "out there" who seem to be intelligent or important in some way, and they demand our attention to follow them to riches and happiness. However, as John the Baptist does in today's readings and as St. Paul does in the second reading, we should listen for the voice of God in Jesus Christ through scripture and the Holy Spirit. This is where the true "great light" will come from.

In the Gospel Reading, from the Gospel of Matthew, we hear how Jesus chose to begin His ministry by selecting men from the northern regions who were open to new ideas and discussions. The people of the south, around Jerusalem, were too set in their ways, grounded in the Law of Moses and controlled by the teachings of the Pharisees. Are we also too set in our ways to be open to Christ's calling us to something new or different in our life?



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

Gathering for Parish Helpers

There is a letter at the back of Church for all those who help out in our Parish in any way. This includes Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Musicians, Cleaners, Counters, Catechist, Shop helpers and many others. Do please take a letter if you help out in our parish in any way, and respond by Sunday 18th January.

Deanery Mass with Archbishop Sherrington

Archbishop John Sherrington is going to celebrate Mass for all the parishes in the Knowsley Deanery to enable him to meet as many people as possible. This Mass will take place at 7.00pm on Friday 30th January at the church of St Agnes, St Mary's Road, Huyton, L36 5ST. Refreshments will be served afterwards and you are warmly encouraged to come and meet our new Archbishop.

The Portico Knitters and Stitches Group

We intend to start a knitting & stitching group for Parishioners, here at Our Lady's. So, how about sharing your skills to complete various Church projects? If you are interested please come to an initial meeting to discuss projects, which could include new Altar cloths and other Church linen.

Meeting in Church Hall on **Thursday 29th January at 2pm**. Looking forward to seeing you.
Angela Steward & Lynn Jones

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Tuesday 27th January, we keep Holocaust Memorial Day on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. The theme this year is 'Bridging Generations' and is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

We remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. We pray that such horrors may never visit our world again. For more information on Holocaust Memorial Day please visit www.hmd.org.uk

Confirmations in 2026

Anyone in Year 8 or above can now register to be Confirmed in 2026. Register: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Bereavement Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will take place at 2.00pm this coming Wednesday, 28th January, in the Parish Hall.

Feast Days This Week

Monday

Saints Timothy and Titus – Both first century Bishops, they were disciples and helpers of the Apostle Paul. Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a converted Jewess. He accompanied Paul on his travels and was placed in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was Paul's messenger to various Christian communities and was Paul's secretary, and was put in charge of the Church at Crete. St Paul wrote his pastoral epistles to them, containing much useful advice for the instruction of the clergy and the people.

Tuesday

St Angela Merici – She was born about the year 1470 near Lake Garda in Italy and she was an orphan. She took the habit of the Third Order of St Francis and gathered together girls whom she formed in works of charity. In 1535 she formed the Institute of Ursulines, a society of women with the task of teaching poor girls who otherwise had no hope of an education. It was the first group of religious women to work outside of the cloister and the first teaching order of women. The sisters took no vows and wore lay clothes. She died in the year 1540.

Wednesday

St Thomas Aquinas – One of the most outstanding theologians in the history of the Church. He was born about the year 1225, a member of the noble family of Aquino. He studied first under the Benedictines at Monte Cassino and then at Naples; later as a member of the Dominican Order he completed his studies at Paris and then at Cologne with St Albert the Great as his teacher. He taught in Naples and Paris, and refused to accept any ecclesiastical title. He was an outstanding writer and teacher of philosophy and sacred theology, and also a great contemplative. He died on 7th March 1274, was canonised in 1323 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius.

Thursday

St Sarbelius and Barbea – Two martyrs, brother and sister, who were put to death in the year 101AD at Edessa during the persecution of the Emperor Trajan. Sarbelius was a high priest at Edessa in Mesopotamia. They were arrested for converting to the faith, and were tortured with red hot irons prior to execution.

Friday

St Aldegunais – Born in the year 639, she was a member of the royal family of the Merovingians and was raised by two saints, St Walbert and St Bertila, her parents. The family resided in Flanders, a region of the Low Countries. Aldegunais refused offers of marriage from other nobles and received the veil from St Amandius, the Bishop of Maastricht. She followed this ceremony of acceptance into the religious life with the foundation of a convent near the Sambre River, at a desert site called Malbode. Her sister, St Waldetrudis, had founded a convent at Mons. Aldegundais' foundation became Mauberge, a noted Benedictine monastery, later taken over by canonesses. She died in 684 at the age of fifty four.

Saturday

St John Bosco – He was born in the diocese of Turin, Italy, in the year 1815. He had a difficult childhood in poverty, but eventually was ordained priest. He put every effort into the education of youth, and dedicated himself to the poor boys of Turin, and from his work the Salesian Order was born. He founded religious congregations to teach the youth and bring them up in a Christian way of life. He wrote some short works in defence of the faith, and died in the year 1888. The Salesians still serve the Church greatly today in the work of Christian Education, including in our own Archdiocese.