

## Diary Dates / Faith Focus

### Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.

Monday on zoom at 10.30am

Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass

Tuesday / Friday after 9am Holy Mass

Saturday 10am before Holy Mass

### Big Thank you

On behalf of Fr. Vijay and all parishioners we would like to thank Rev. Fr. Bernard Forshaw for all his support this weekend.

### CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk 2026

Walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days this Lent and raise funds for life-saving water to help our neighbours. For more details see the posters at the back of church or search for 'The Big Lent Walk'

### Justice & Peace

After 1,000 days of conflict, Sudan has reached breaking point and is now the world's worst humanitarian and displacement crisis. But the world's governments – including the UK – have failed to respond with the urgency, leadership and determination needed.

Almost 12 million people have been driven from their homes, more than half of them women and children. 7.2 million people are currently displaced inside Sudan, many living in overcrowded camps facing extreme hunger and disease outbreaks, with millions fleeing across borders into South Sudan and Chad.

Sign the petition to urge the Foreign Secretary, Yvette Cooper to take action now at <https://action.cafod.org.uk/>

### 18th January : Peace Sunday



## MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 19th, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23
- Gospel: Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
- Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33,37,40-51
- Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026

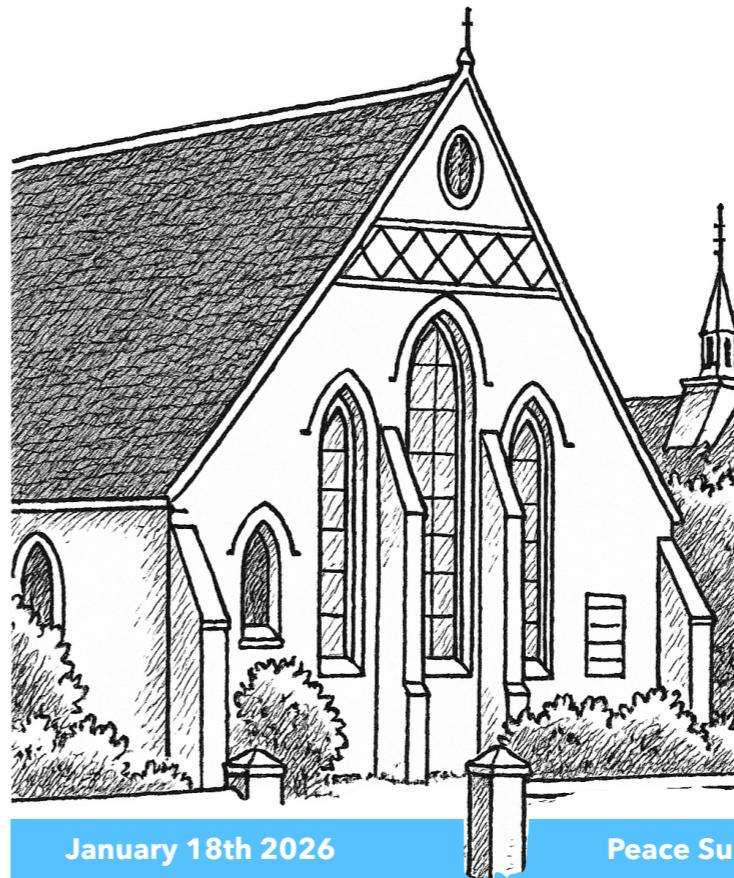
- First Reading: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7
- Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 24: 3-21
- Gospel: MArk 3: 13-19

Saturday, January 24th 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 1 : 1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27
- Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21



January 18th 2026

Peace Sunday / Ordinary Time Week 2

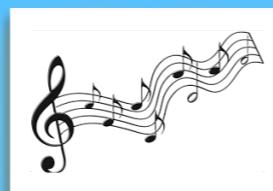
*Fr. Vijay's reflection*

John the Baptist sees Jesus and simply says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." With those few words, he invites us to look again – to recognise Christ already standing among us. Jesus comes not with force, but with mercy; not demanding but offering healing and new beginning. John's witness reminds us that faith often starts with noticing: noticing grace, noticing goodness, noticing God at work in quiet ways. As we begin this week, may our eyes be open to Christ's presence, and may our lives point others toward His gentle light.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

A Big thank you to our Newsletter sponsor this month  
The De Vere Family



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## NEWSLETTER

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## Community Focus

### Mothers Prayers

We have a group who meet every fortnight on a Friday morning in the Parish Centre 9.45 - 10.45 approx to pray specifically for our families.

All are welcome, Mothers and Grandmothers in particular.

For more information please contact: Anne Sturman or Carole Brown

### Newsletter Sponsorship

Thank you to all those who have pledged to sponsor our newsletter. We still have the following months free for Sponsorship:

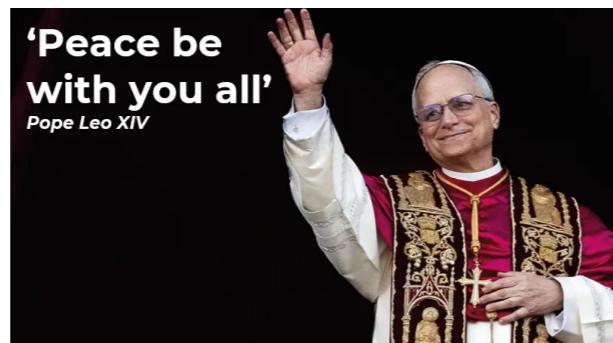
August to October

### Parish Centre

Our Parish Centre is available for use by the community or private individuals. With parking to the side for 20 cars, the building consists of a large main room with adjacent kitchen, a smaller meeting room and toilets including disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. The large room can comfortably seat 80 people for a sit down meal and tables and chairs are available. Hire the facility for a special occasion, fundraiser or meeting. Its a great space for children's parties! Room hire from £14.00 per hour. For more details contact the Parish office ( rate to be reviewed in feb 2026)



## Prayer: The gift of Peace



May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace. We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer.

Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD

### What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY		9.30AM
WEDNESDAY	RCIA	7.30PM
FRIDAY	Mums and Tots group	9.30AM
FRIDAY	Mothers prayers	

Day	Times	Mass Intentions	Sunday Mass
Sat. 17/1	10.30am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	• <b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Sat. 17/1	6.30pm	<b>St Anthony, Ab.</b> Thelma Woolridge RIP	• <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Ps. 40 (39)
Sun 18/1	9.00am	<b>Day of special prayer for world peace</b> Martin Fleming RIP	• <b>Second: Reading:</b> Corinthians 1: 1-3
	11.00am	The Christmas season ends today.	
Mon 19/1	12 noon	<b>Holy Mass.</b> David Stephens	
Tues 20/1	9:00am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Wed 21/1	11am	<b>Funeral Service : Robert Widgery RIP</b>	
	6.30pm	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Thurs 22/1	9.00am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Fri 23/1	9:00am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Sat 24/1	10.30am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Sat 24/1	6:30pm	<b>ST Francis De Sales, B,D</b>	
Sun 25/1	9:00am	Sunday OF THE WORD OF GOD Sue McNeil	
Sun 25/1	11:00am		

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Gerry McGrath	James Bailey	Dominic Flynn
James John Maddock	Mary Clarke	Dennis Bratt
Angela Haran	Rev.Fr. John Wilkinson PP	William Molloy
Margaret Batty	Rose Van Hove	Vera Williams
Charlie Dempsey	Harry Simpson	Denis Broad
Morton Lambert	Irene Marlborough	Kathleen McNamara
Anastasia Butterfield	Margaret Stoneley	Eileen Cooper
John Bannaghan	Kathleen Hough	Pat Kerr
Rev Henry Leavy / Rev John Wilkinson	Canon John . Marmion / Mgr Francis McGuiness	Rev Terrence Hillhouse / Canon Edmund Quinn

### Parish Office

Office Hours  
Monday / Wednesday  
9.30-12.30  
Friday  
12.30-4.30

*Please pray for all*



**Who have died recently, especially:** Mike Hough, Robert Widgery, Margaret Strong

**Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:** Joan Lloyd, Deacon Terry Simms, Sue McNeil and David Stephens.