

SECOND SUNDAY (Ordinary Time) – 18th JANUARY 2026

“ Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a New Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Come, Holy Spirit in Your Power and might to renew the face of the earth” (Pope St. John XXIII).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (Sunday 18th January) Saturday 4-00 p.m. St John Kemble - Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. St. Joseph's – Ann Williams (RIP) (The Family). 10-30 a.m. Carol Curnow (RIP) (SVP).

Second Sunday - Psalm Response “ Behold, I have come, Lord, to do Your Will ” (We are now in Year A and Week 2 in the Breviary/Missal)

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to 25th January) We continue to pray that all Christians may come to know that unity “ in Spirit and in Truth” for which Jesus prayed at the Last Supper and for which He offered Himself upon the Cross – “ that they may be one”.

Weekday Mass Times No weekday Mass.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (Sunday 25th January) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Jonathan (Sp.Int). (Barrie); 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's) Eileen Howley (RIP);10-30 a.m. Parish & People.

Readers: This Sunday (18th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. Next Sunday (25th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

Candles: Sacred Heart - Christian Unity; Our Lady – Mervyn Blackmore (RIP); St. Joseph – World Peace.

Anniversaries Valerie Rees (2010); Rose Tristram (2019); Olive Davies(2017); Eileen Gregg (2018); Mary Newbury (2015); Betty Hopkins (2024).

Malcolm Holloway (RIP) Please remember Malcolm in your prayers and the family at this time.

Car Parking A Reminder - Please be sure not to obstruct the garages on Hillside Lane opposite the church.

Catechesis We shall meet in the lounge/side room in the Parish Hall this Sunday for our “ten minute” catechesis session after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. If you are thinking of becoming a catholic or have recently come back to the Church and have questions, we meet together before joining others for tea & coffee in the Hall afterwards.

The Sick and Housebound Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound, those in hospital and in our local care homes. Especially at this time, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders and Luke, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, John & Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Morgan. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Last Sunday's Collection: (11th) St. Joseph's £562-94 (Plus Direct Debits) - Crib Collection £223-25; St. John Kemble £47-00.Crib Collection - £80. Many thanks.

White Flower Appeal Our second collection this Sunday is the annual collection in support of SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). In 2023, a holocaust of 277, 970 unborn children were killed by abortion – may God have mercy on us. “ Procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing of a human being. The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognise that we are dealing with murder”. Pope St. John Paul II.

Fr. Neil will be slowing down and taking time off during the month of January.

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