

WITNESSES

The words of Isaiah and the testimony of John the Baptist converge on a single mystery: Salvation is not just an idea, a technique, a moral program, or a philosophy for balanced living. Salvation is a Person with power who comes to recreate humanity from within.

That is why John the Baptist does not say, "This is a wise man," or "This is a new teacher." He says: "I have seen and I have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The Church exists to carry precisely this testimony. She does not announce Jesus as another lifestyle choice, or a great model to follow by our own means, but as the living God who enters history to save it and intervenes in our personal history too!

Christ, the new Adam, changes our human nature into a life-giving existence for free. He does not simply show us how to live better for ourselves; he gives us his power to live selflessly as a grace. This is true! This is the gift of God and the fullness of his marvellous plan for us. We can forgive our oppressors as a miracle, we can stop lying, we can pay our debts, we can take care of our elderly, we can have another child, we can be ridiculously generous with our goods, we can rejoice over the fortunes of the others, we can stop complaining, we can enter into suffering and the Cross, we can be people of the resurrection, we can **LIVE GRATUITOUSLY**. Jesus has the power to change us at our root—to move us from surviving and being merely alive to becoming life-giving spirits for others passing from fear to communion.

Fr Juan

Holy Trinity Cine Club: for children in **Year 7 to Year 9, and Year 10 to 12** on a Friday evening once a month. Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact cineclubbg@gmail.com. See poster in the church porch.

Please pray for the sick especially: Cornelius Murphy, Denis Carroll, Mary O'Shea, Gesa Cosby, Christopher Freeman, Gloria Mantilla, Dermot Molloy, Seamus Malone, Shirley Foster, Rosane da Graca Wilhelms, Michael Ruggins, Caitlin Brown, Francis Jordan, Phil Unwin and Graig Scanlan. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Martin Foster, Anne Conlon, Catherine Roberts **and those with anniversaries around this time:** John Grogan and Tommy McCarthy.

Funeral of Catherine Roberts: Wed 28th January at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

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Second Sunday of the Year

18th January 26

Today's Readings p.236-239

Is 49:3,5-6; Paul 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



Office Hours: Mon-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for Week beginning 18th January 2026

Saturday <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 18th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass
Monday <i>feria (W21, Y2)</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction
Tuesday <i>St Sebastian</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>St Agnes</i>	6.00 pm Mass
Thursday <i>St Vincent the Deacon</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>feria</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>St Francis de Sales</i> Confessions	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 25th January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

Today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins, 18th-25th January. This year's theme is 'One Body, one Spirit.' The Mass for the Unity of Christians will be celebrated on Monday and Friday.

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in the courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission.

Through these efforts, we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide.

Your support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can be to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

The Sunday of the Word of God is next Sunday 25th January. The Blessing of our Parish Readers will take place at all Masses on that day. If you are interested in the possibility of training to become one of our Readers at Sunday Mass, do please let the parish office know.

The Epiphany Crib remains in the Church until Candlemas, 2nd February. Crib offerings go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society in our Diocese of Westminster, and are the main annual source of the Society's income.

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass Today: Casini, G - Missa III
Motet: Gibbons - Come Holy Ghost

Music at 10.00 am Family Mass: There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time.

Monthly Hour of Devotion dedicated to the Holy Family on Saturday 7th of February at 2pm, followed by 30 minutes de silent adoration and benediction. All are welcome.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism**, under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Prayer workshop: Thursday 15th January at 2pm at Nazareth House Prayer Centre. All welcome