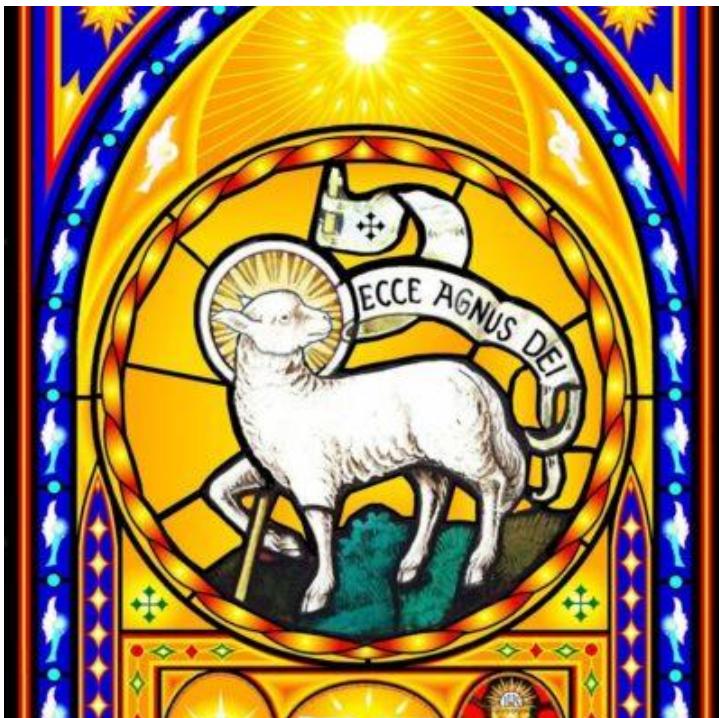


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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you. Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).*

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, 11 February, is also the occasion of the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This is an observation that was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer their prayers for those suffering from illnesses. As we established a few of years ago, this means that I will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick **at the conclusion of the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, 7 February, and at the end of the Sunday morning Masses, 8 February**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that when the sick are anointed ‘the sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention,’ (n.1516).

The weekend of **7 & 8 February**, will see, somewhat appropriately, the **annual retiring collection for the diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**. Our contribution helps contribute to the care of the priests of the diocese who are currently sick or retired. On top of the annual diocesan assessment (£20,524.00 in December last year), the diocese now levy’s a further separate charge for this fund upon parishes. Our levy was £5020.00 last year (December 2025). Please therefore be as generous as you can in support of our sick and retired clergy who have spent their lives in service of the diocese and the People of God.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Wednesday, 18 February, a Day of Fasting & Abstinence: our annual observance of Lent begins with Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Thursday, 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph and our patronal feast day. Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph’s School.

Palm Sunday, 29 March, Holy Week begins.

Easter Sunday, 5 April, The Resurrection of the Lord.

Our **Children’s Liturgy** resumed at the 10.00am Mass last Sunday. We are always on the lookout for further assistance with the children. If you would be willing to both help hand on the Faith and observe the necessary Safeguarding of our children then please let us know.

Votive candle monies: Please remember that the money box for your votive candles is on the wall by the entrance to the choir loft. This helps to reduce the risk of theft or damage. Thank you.

**From An Act of Veneration to the Immaculate Conception
at the Spanish Steps, Rome, 8 December, 2025
Pope Leo XIV**

‘Look, O Mary, upon so many sons and daughters whose hope has not been extinguished: may what your Son has sown in them take root and grow, He, the living Word, who in each person asks to grow still more, to take on flesh, face, and voice. May Jubilee hope blossom in Rome and in every corner of the earth, hope in the new world God is preparing, of which you, O Virgin, are like the bud and the dawn.

After the holy doors, may other doors now open, doors of homes and oases of peace where dignity may flourish again, where people may learn nonviolence and the art of reconciliation.

May the kingdom of God come, the newness you longed for so deeply and to which you opened yourself completely, as a child, as a young woman, and as mother of the nascent Church.

Inspire new insights in the Church that journeys in Rome and in the particular Churches which, in every context, gather up the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of our contemporaries, especially the poor and all those who suffer.

May baptism continue to bring forth men and women holy and immaculate, called to become living members of the Body of Christ, a Body that acts, consoles, reconciles, and transforms the earthly city in which the City of God is being prepared.

Intercede for us, grappling with changes that seem to find us unprepared and powerless. Inspire dreams, visions, and courage, you who know better than anyone that nothing is impossible for God, and also that God does nothing alone.

Set us on our way, with the haste that once moved your steps toward your cousin Elizabeth, and with the trembling eagerness with which you became an exile and pilgrim, to be blessed, yes, but blessed among all women, first disciple of your Son, mother of God-with-us.

Help us to be always a Church with and among the people, leaven in the dough of a humanity crying out for justice and hope. Immaculate one, woman of infinite beauty, watch over this city, over this humanity. Point them to Jesus, lead them to Jesus, present them to Jesus.
Mother, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.’

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 18 January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Thanksgiving - Judith & Michael Jackson
Monday 19 January <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Thomas Conway Snr
Saturday 24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Dennis Wray
Sunday 25 January <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Brendan Lynch
Friday 30 January <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Betty Morris
Saturday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Ray Brolly
Sunday 1 February <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Terry Donnelly 10.00am For the people

**Please pray for Terry Donnelly, Andrew Spooner & Oliver Wragg *RIP*,
for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur
around this time.**

Last week's collection was £602.00 (£346.00 in offertory envelopes and £256.00 in loose). Thank you.