

## THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



### **Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas – 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally embracing you.  
Amen.**

**(Prayer of St Thomas Aquinas)**

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**

11am Holy Hour / 12noon Holy Mass (*Clergy Intentions*)

6pm Vigil of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (*Mary Mahon RIP*)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

10.00am Holy Mass (*Andy & Lena McDowell*)

12.30pm *Baptism of Macie Roberts*

6pm: Holy Mass (*Parishioners*)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: St Angela Merici – Virgin**

9am Rosary / 9.30am Holy Mass (*Mary Paton*)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

10.30am Requiem Mass for Terry Parkin RIP

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**

9am Rosary / 9.30am Holy Mass (*Chris Duncan RIP - Anniversary*)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January:**

9am Rosary / 9.30am Holy Mass (*John Hunt & Family*)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: St John Bosco - Priest & Religious Founder**

9am Rosary / 9.30am Holy Mass (*Patrick Moore RIP - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February BVM on Saturday**

11am Holy Hour / 12noon Holy Mass (*Clergy Intentions*)

6pm Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (*Anne Owen*)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10.00am Holy Mass (*Kevin & Helen Cunningham 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*)

12.30pm *Baptism of Cillian Irving & Mari Jones*

6pm: Holy Mass (*Parishioners*)

**CONFESSION** is available half an hour before each Vigil & Sunday Mass, during Saturday Morning Holy Hour and upon request.

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS** may be discussed with the clergy following the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses or by appointment.

Most days the church will be open at approx. 8.30am and will remain open until after the Angelus is prayed at 12pm and later if possible.

**MEETING OF PARISH SUPPORT & ADVISORY FORUM** The next meeting for this group will take place in the Parish Hall at **7pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. If you are a nominated representative of any area of ministry, please do try to attend. If you wish to raise a subject for the agenda, please speak to one of the clergy team or ministry representative in advance.

**VISITATION OF BISHOP MARK : Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark as he makes a 'visitation' to the parish. The Bishop will celebrate the 6pm Mass on the Saturday and 10am on the Sunday. If you would like the opportunity to meet and speak with our Bishop, please attend one of these two Masses.

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY:** Following the Christmas activities our resources are running a little low. Please do consider supporting this parish ministry as we seek to offer help to those in our community in any kind of need, including in our school community. **Donations can be made via the electronic device in church, cash in an envelope marked 'Parish Outreach' or cheque payable to SRCDT CTK Parish Outreach.** We thank you for your continued support and donations which are very important and very gratefully received. ***If you require some assistance or know someone who does, please contact the Parish Office.***

**FOODBANK NEWS:** On 16th January I handed in £90 & 28kg of food etc. You may have noticed several bags in the box where you put your food items - when they weigh our food, they usually offer to give us back the strong looking bags. So please feel free to take them back to use them again. The Foodbank thank you for your great generosity and continued support.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & BEREAVED:** Please pray for those suffering any illness at this time, especially: Carl Kavannah, Christine Foster, Mary Patton, Pauline Williams, Kevin Hannigan and Julia Hastewell. We also pray for those struggling with the heavy cross of bereavement.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Michael Flannery, Terry Parkin, Bridie McGee, Benjamin Briggs & Mary Acock RIP**  
**Requiem Mass for Terry Parkin** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am  
**Requiem Mass for Mary Acock** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm  
**Requiem Mass for Benjamin Briggs** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11:45am  
**Requiem Mass for Bridie McGee** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am

**DEENA & FAMILY** would like to thank you for your beautiful letters, cards, mass cards and your very kind thoughts and prayers for Terry. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness. Mass will be celebrated for all your intentions.

**YOUTH CLUB: 6.45pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025** We look forward to welcoming our children aged School Year 2 and above to our next session. We would like to develop this ministry further and need new volunteers to act as leaders. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

**MASS INTENTIONS** So that we don't have cash randomly handed to the clergy, we have provided envelopes at the back of church should you wish to make a mass intention. Please complete one of these before handing to a member of the clergy, popping it through the presbytery letterbox or onto the collection plate. Please note that Intentions are now allocated until the end of March. If you want an Intention for a specific date throughout the year, please pass it to us sooner rather than later.

**SCOTLAND TRIP – APRIL 2025** All those booked to travel with us should have received an email detailing the requirement for final payments, due to be received by 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not received this email, please contact the parish office.

**FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT:** We will be holding the Enrolment Mass at 10am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February for many of our Christ the King pupils in Year 3 and above to receive their First Forgiveness/Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. If your child is a baptised Catholic attending a different school, in year 3 or above and would like to join the programme, please contact the Parish Office on 0151 208 0663

**PARISH OUTREACH LUNCH CLUB: Friday 31st January 12pm to 1.30pm** ALL are welcome to come and enjoy some good food, hot drinks and welcoming company. We will do the last 2 **50/50 CLUB DRAWS** of 2024 this week.

**GROWING IN YOUR FAITH & RCIA - Parish Programme**

**All are welcome to a series of talks through which we desire to grow in knowledge and love of God and so be renewed in His image and likeness**  
The sessions are 6:30 – 7:30 on Wednesday evenings in the parish room  
**Next Session: Wednesday 29th January**  
**Jesus of Nazareth ' Discovering Christ with Pope Benedict XVI '**

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** This weekend Peter Devine, a parishioner here at Christ the King, will be present and speak about the work of the 'Friends' and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan. As we arrive at the end of the Season of Christmas, there will be a final opportunity to offer support in the shape of a retiring collection for the work of FHL. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**MESSAGE RE CHRISTMAS IN ECUDOR:** It is not possible to personally acknowledge every donation but a huge thanks is extended for your generosity. **£4180.00** was raised and the mothers and children were so happy on Christmas Day. The little ones who suffer from chronic malnutrition were given a therapeutic teddy bear to soothe their suffering, with great success. All the community of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel send a 'muchos gracias' to you all. Many thanks – Vivienne.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS AT MASS: £1157.79**

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support towards the maintenance and mission of our Parish and the Church.**

***As always, we continue to hold all our parish family in prayer.***

***Fr Louis, Fr Humphrey & Deacon Tony***