



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 25th January 2026

Parish Centre

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St Kevin's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

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Team

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Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil Sat 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sun: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

A Priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** 30 minutes before all Masses and on Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month. Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first **Thursday of the month** at 7:15pm in the Church and must bring a copy of their own **Baptism Certificate and the child's birth certificate** for our records, as we cannot accept originals.

Mass Intentions

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass**

Intentions is Wednesday evening.

Please call (03) 9799 2108, email the **Parish Office** or drop off the mass intention envelope in the **postal slot** in the **Parish Office door**.

Fundraising Update 2026

We will be holding different fundraising activities as we proceed with our planned redevelopment this year. The special collections for the grotto and chapel every first and third weekend will be replaced by a food sale on the first weekend of every month.

Food Sale

Individual families and groups in the Parish will be cooking food and organising food sales to assist with our fundraising. Please use the opportunity to meet other parishioners and get to know all who are involved in the life of the Parish. The first food sale for the year will be held after the masses on **31st January and 1st February**.

Coin collection - There will be a box placed on the sanctuary steps in which you may donate your silver coins (5c, 10c, 20c, 50c).

Garage Sale – 14th and 15th February 2026

Our parishioners are organising a garage sale after the masses on **14th and 15th February**. Kindly bring any items that you may wish to donate towards our Parish garage sale and place them on the tables in the Church foyer on 7th and 8th February. Please ensure that the items are in very good condition.

Fundraising Committee

Upon advice and recommendation, Fr Fabian has brought together parishioners representing our cultural diversity to form a fundraising committee. The Committee Members will coordinate planned events for two years to help raise money for the Grotto in 2026 and assist with offsetting some of our loan repayment in 2027.

The Members are as follows:

Filipino Community Chloe Hall & Gina Thomas

Indian Community Anita Fernandez & Warren Peters

Kerala Community Abey Abraham & Victoria Prince

Mauritian Community Veronique Michaud

Samoan Community Myra, Nora Tuioloma & Telesia Mulitalo

Sri Lankan Community Desiree Van Estrop & Ingrid Pereira

South African Community Anne Joyce & Mary Hanekom

We would like to thank our parishioners for generously contributing their time for the next two years.

Sacrament of Baptism

The next baptism preparation class will be held on **Thursday, 5th February 2026** at 7.15pm in the Church.

What's On

Monday, 26th January: 5pm : Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 27th January: 7pm: RCIA, 7.30pm: Exodus 90 meeting

8pm: Holiness in Ordinary Life – Talk for men (Office)

Friday, 30th January: 5pm: Mothers who pray for their children

ROSTERS for 31st Jan. & 1st Feb.

Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Maria, Jerome, Doreen, Michael

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, Savio, John, Jackie, Shehan

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4648.40

Unpledged: \$1981.20

Presbytery: \$1629.10

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Raphael, Leni, Tyrah & Nya Mannays

Wayne & Anna Paris

Antoinette Crasto

D'Netto Family

Jeremy Arokeum

Timothy DeSouza

Tina & Richard Fritchley

Anne & Ainslie Collins

Johan & Mary Hanekom

Cabildo – Napit Family

Sharlene & Lyndon Heldt and fly

Miriam & Dominic Rozario and fly

Kayla & Shane Tharke

For those who are sick:

Shevin Edirisinghe

Lily Hayes

Charles

Sistek Shalia

Paul Deeming

For those who have died recently:

Roland Carmagnole

Ricardo Mabul

If you would like to donate towards the building of the Grotto:

St Kevin's Building Appeals A/c

BSB 083 347

Account No.:851452646

Privacy legislation requires the written permission of an authorised person before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four-week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again based on written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Feast Days for the Week:

Tuesday, 27th January: St Timothy, St Titus, St Angela Merici

Wednesday, 28th January: St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday, 31st January: St John Bosco

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gilbert Eugene Mannays, Walter Lockwood, Joyce D'Silva, Joseph Crasto, Kenneth, Philomena & Everard Paris, Maxi Rozario, Ginette Gonree, Antanas Laugalis & Vedas Dovidavitius, Mark Francis & Edward Cutinha, Georges Paul & Louis Paul Jauffray, Eldon Rozario, Stanley Arockiaraj, Mick Hunter

Thanksgiving Envelopes 2026

The next set of Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the foyer. Please take your envelopes home. The envelopes cover the period from January to July 2026. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or wish to make any changes

Holiness in ordinary life - Talks for men.

Practical points for dads and professionals in integrating faith with daily life.

Please join us for a short talk followed by a get together afterwards – one hour all up.

Time: 8PM on the Last Tuesday of every month

Location: St Kevin's Office Meeting Room

For more Information contact: Kim – 0431 035 980

The Talk Schedule is as follows:

27th January: Sanctifying ordinary life.

"Our ordinary activities are the very hinge on which our sanctity turns"

(St. Josemaria)

For the rest of the schedule, please check the noticeboard or Parish website.

Pilgrimage Opportunity – Marian Shrines 2026

There is a pilgrimage opportunity for those who wish to visit some of the most beloved shrines of Our Lady. Fr Antony will be leading a group to Marian shrines—sacred places where the Blessed Virgin Mary has touched lives, inspired conversion, and drawn hearts closer to her Son, Jesus. This pilgrimage will include visits to Lisbon, Ávila, Lourdes, Barcelona, Assisi, and Rome, and will take place from **20–31 July 2026**.

Those interested are warmly invited to attend an information meeting on **Friday, 30 January 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church foyer**. A representative from Magi Pilgrimages will be present to provide full details about the itinerary, costs, and travel arrangements. Please add your name to the signup sheet if you wish to attend the information session.

Memorial Wall in the new grotto

Over the last two weekends, information has been provided about the installation of memorial tiles on the walls of the new grotto. The information is also available on our Parish website and social media. We are currently seeking expressions of interest. **Please use the QR code to express interest.**

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for January****For prayer with the word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

The Conversion of St Paul— January 25

This great Apostle was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. At his circumcision, on the eighth day after his birth, he received the name of Saul. His father was by sect a Pharisee, and a denizen of Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia.

His parents sent him young to Jerusalem, where he was instructed in the strictest observance of the law of Moses by Gamaliel, a learned and noble Jew, and probably a member of the Sanhedrin.

Saul, surpassing all his equals in zeal for the Jewish law and their traditions, which he thought the cause of God, became thereby a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an enemy of Christ. He was one of those who combined to murder St Stephen, and by keeping the garments of all who stoned that holy martyr, he is said by St Austin to have stoned him by the hands of all the rest; to whose prayers for his enemies he ascribes the conversion of St Paul: "If Stephen," said he, "had not prayed, the Church would never have had St Paul."

After the martyrdom of the holy deacon, the priests and magistrates of the Jews raised a violent persecution against the Church at Jerusalem, in which Saul signalled himself above others.

In the fury of his zeal, Saul applied to the high priest for a commission to take up all Jews at Damascus who confessed Jesus Christ, and bring them bound to Jerusalem, that they might serve as public examples for the terror of others.

Saul was almost at the end of his journey to Damascus, when about noon he and his company were suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven, brighter than the sun. They all saw the light, and being struck with amazement, fell to the ground. Then Saul heard a voice, which to him was articulate and distinct; but not understood, though heard by the rest: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Christ said not: Why do you persecute my disciples? but me: for it is he, their head, who is chiefly persecuted in his servants. Saul answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the goad — to contend with one so much mightier than yourself. By persecuting my Church you make it flourish, and only prick and hurt yourself."

This expostulation of our Redeemer, accompanied with a powerful interior grace, cured his pride, assuaged his rage, and wrought at once a total change in him. Trembling and astonished, he cried out: "Lord, what will you have me do?" What to repair the past? What to promote your glory? I make a joyful oblation of myself to execute your will in everything, and to suffer for your sake afflictions, disgraces, persecutions, torments, and death. The true convert expressed this, not in a bare form of words, nor with faint languid desires, nor with any exception lurking in the secret recesses of his heart; but with an entire sacrifice of himself, and an heroic victory over the world with its frowns and charms, over the devils with their snares and threats, and over himself and all inclinations of self-love; devoting himself totally to God.

Christ ordered Saul to rise and proceed on his journey to Damascus, where he should be informed of what he expected from him. Christ would not instruct him immediately by himself, but sent him to the ministry which he had established in the Church, to be directed in the way of salvation by those whom he had appointed for that purpose. He would not finish the conversion and instruction of this great Apostle, whom he was pleased to call in so wonderful a manner, but by remitting him to the guidance of his ministers; showing us thereby that all who desire to serve him, should seek his will by listening to those whom he has commanded us to hear, and whom he has appointed to be our guides. So perfectly would he abolish in his servants all self-confidence and presumption, the source of error and illusion.

The convert, rising from the ground, found that, though his eyes were open, he saw nothing. Providence sent this corporal blindness to be an emblem of the spiritual blindness in which he had lived, and to signify to him that he was henceforward to die to the world, and learn to apply his mind totally to the contemplation of heavenly things. He was led by the hand into Damascus, whither Christ seemed to conduct him in triumph. He was lodged in the house of a Jew named Judas, where he remained three days blind, and without eating or drinking.

He doubtless spent his time in great bitterness of soul, not yet knowing what God required of him. With what anguish he bewailed his past blindness and false zeal against the Church, we may conjecture both from his taking no nourishment during those three days, and from the manner in which he ever after spoke of his having been a blasphemer and a persecutor.

Though the entire reformation of his heart was not gradual, as in ordinary conversions, but miraculous in the order of grace, and perfect in a moment; yet a time of probation and a severe interior trial were necessary to crucify the old man and all other earthly sentiments in his heart, and to prepare it to receive the extraordinary graces that God designed for him.

There was a Christian of distinction in Damascus; his name was Ananias. Christ appeared to him and commanded him to go to Saul in the house of Judas: Ananias trembled at the name of Saul, being no stranger to the mischief he had done in Jerusalem, or to the errand on which he was set out to Damascus. But our Redeemer overruled his fears, and charged him a second time to go to him, saying: "Go, for he is a vessel of election to carry my name before Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel: and I will show him how much he has to suffer for my name."

Saul in the meantime saw in a vision a man entering, and laying his hands upon him, to restore his sight. Ananias, obeying the divine order, arose, went to Saul, and laying his hands upon him, said: "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your journey, has sent me that you may receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he recovered his eyesight. Saul then arose, was baptised, and took some refreshment. Thus a blasphemer and a persecutor was chosen to be one of the principal instruments of God in the conversion of the world.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.8

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these

slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.