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### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – Sunday of the Word of God**

**Prayers and Readings are from page 698 in the missal**

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

#### **Psalm Response:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** No. 1 (Page 593)

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

**Readings:** Isaiah 9:1-4. Ps 27(26). I Corinthians 10-13, 17. Matthew 4:12-23.

**Divine Office:** Week 3 ( 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 for daily readings)

**Confessions Saturday 16.30 – 17.00 pm or by arrangement**

## **St Mary's RC Parish Thetford – Newsletter**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and Sunday of the Word of God**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	17.30 pm	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	08.00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
	10.00 am	<i>FHC Children</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	10.00 pm	<i>Fr Peter Leeming</i>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	<i>Funeral of Tessa Trappes-Lomax</i>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	No Mass	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>St John Bosco</i>	09.30 17.30 pm	<i>Funeral of Luna De Almeida Freitas</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	08.00 am 10.00 am	

### **Coffee and Tea on Sunday and Tuesday after the 10.00 Mass**

Please email items for the newsletter by the end of Wednesday each week to [michael.brookes@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:michael.brookes@rcdea.org.uk)

## **Collections**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January: £475.80 (of which £90 is gift aided) plus £316 in direct-to-bank contributions (average weekly figure). Many thanks for your financial support.

## **Prayer Requests**

We remember in our prayers those who are sick: Fr Peter Leeming, Fatima Anja, Deacon Justin Cross, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert and Maureen Huggett, Aneta, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend; and pray for the repose of the souls of Luna Freitas and Tessa Trappes-Lomax.

## **Reflection for Holocaust Memorial Day 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

When a loved one suffers from dementia, you see the person you love slowly disappear. Why? Because we are our memories. One of the greatest gifts God has given human beings is the ability to remember. When fail to remember, we lose sight of who we are. The person we become in life is shaped by what has happened in the past and how we remember those moments, good or bad.

On Holocaust Memorial Day, we remember. We remember the horrific events that destroyed countless lives. We remember the unimaginable suffering and heartache. We remember so that we may truly be formed by what has happened. The other side of this is that if we fail to remember then not only do we lose who we are, but humanity loses sight of the reality of being alive. More information is available at:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/reflection-for-holocaust-memorial-day-2026/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/reflection-for-holocaust-memorial-day-2026/)

## **Contact a Peer to oppose Assisted Suicide**

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill has passed through the House of Commons and is now with the House of Lords. Our clear principled objection to the Bill remains. The House of Lords has a responsibility to scrutinise the Bill in depth and reject it if necessary.

Unlike MPs, Members of the House of Lords do not have constituents, meaning there is not a Peer whose job it is to represent you based on the area of the country in which you live. For this reason you should take some time to think about which Peer you will write to and why, such as whether you have a personal or professional connection with them, or you have professional expertise in medicine or healthcare.

Please visit this link for full guidance to help you write to a Peer:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-peers/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-peers/)

## **Maintenance Professional**

Saint Mary's Parish Church is seeking a reliable, multi-skilled maintenance professional for short to medium-term work. The ideal candidate will have a strong work ethic, a range of trade skills, and a commitment to delivering high-quality results. Duties include general repairs, upkeep, and improvements to the church building and grounds. Contact Raul at: [raulparreno@gmail.com](mailto:raulparreno@gmail.com)

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