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## *18 January 2026 - 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME*

### **"Behold the Lamb of God"**

Dear Parishioners,

The second Sunday in the Ordinary Time invites our parish community to reflect on identity, mission and witness.

Through the prophet Isaiah and testimony of John the Baptist, God reveals not only who His servant is but also what His mission means for the whole world. Isaiah speaks of the servant of the Lord, chosen and formed by God even before birth. This reminds us that God's plan of salvation is always universal. From the very beginning, God's love was meant to reach beyond one people, one culture or one boundary.

The Gospel deepens this revelation. Here John the Baptist points to Jesus and proclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". These words are central to our Christian faith. They also echo every time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is revealed not as a political leader or earthly king, but as a Lamb of God - that means gentle, obedient and offered for the salvation of the world. His mission is one of sacrifice, love and reconciliation.

John the Baptist teaches us something essential about discipleship. This is to say that to witness is to point away from ourselves and toward Christ. John does not seek attention or glory, instead he humbly says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus and remain with Him. His role is clear - to help others recognise the One sent by God.

For us a parish, we have to rediscover our own identity and mission. Like the servant in the Book of Isaiah, we are chosen and called by God.

Like John the Baptist, we are called to bear witness and help others to see or encounter Christ. Faith is not meant to be private and hidden. It is meant to shine as light for others. May we as a Parish Community learn to say with our lives: *"Behold the Lamb of God"*

My sincere blessing to all.

*Fr Jules-Davy Malonga*

**Funeral for Daisy Chiu:** The Requiem Mass for our dear long-time parishioner Daisy Chiu will be celebrated on **MONDAY 19 JANUARY at 11:00am**. Light refreshments will be served in the Sunroom following the service for those unable to attend the burial at Macquarie Park Cemetery.

**SENIOR SERVER/ACOLYTE  
URGENTLY NEEDED  
FOR ROSTERED WEEKS  
1 & 3 OF THE MONTH  
FOR SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS.**

*Please contact the  
Parish Office or Fr Gaspar if you can help.*

*Thank you.*



**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER  
INTENTION FOR JANUARY**

To 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.

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	19 January	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Tuesday	20 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Wednesday	21 January	Mass	9.15am			St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Thursday	22 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Friday	23 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Saturday	24 January	Mass	5.00pm			St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Sunday	25 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

## Please Remember in your Prayers

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Daisy Chiu (longtime parishioner, sister of Lily Wong, mother to Celine, Bernard and Felix, died 6 January), John Bourke (uncle of Rosalie Belsey, brother of Pat Baxter, died 8 January), Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia), Sharon Ogden (died 3 December aged 79yrs), Marie Maloney (Mary Weaver's Mum, died 18 November aged 92), Angela Wodzga (life long friend of Linette Sardinha, died 17 November).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia McGrath (3rd anniversary, 17 January, wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Felicidad Lizardo (Francis' mother—anniversary 15th January, Kathleen Le Gras (sister of Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 9th anniversary, 23 January, Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 6th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 65th anniversary on 21 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 39th anniversary on 23 January), Brian McGarry, 3rd anniversary 24 January), Monica Vince (cousin of Cecilia Kean, 3rd anniversary 20 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (3rd anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Lasserre Gomes (Linette Sardinha's Dad, 2nd anniversary 28 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 10th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (Christine Shannon's father, 32nd anniversary 8 January).

**FOR THE SICK:** George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui's parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O'Brien, Lawson Wynter (grandson of Marilyn Orrock), Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ibda (friend of Dominic McGrath), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and Pat MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Henry Alan Field (grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).



In 2026, we are creating a youth group starting with Year 7s to provide them with community and support as they enter high school.

**The first youth group will be held in the Sunroom at Holy Name on Friday 23rd of January from 4 pm to 6 pm.**

**Drinks and snacks will be provided—JUST COME ALONG!**

The students will engage in activities for their age group lightly intertwined with Catholic principles. The youth group will run fortnightly over Term 1 and include as many young people from the area as possible.

**Contact Sally Oong: [hnwsally@gmail.com](mailto:hnwsally@gmail.com) for more details.**

**Mass Times:** Throughout December and January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained.

Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm. Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

### **Parish Office Hours into January:**

The office is closed until Monday 2 February. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to email [Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au) or leave a message on 9489 3221.