



**Do join us for refreshments  
after Mass today**

During the week –

No Wednesday Craft Group in January,  
- we resume on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2026 – 10.30am Mass

**Next Sunday - 25 Jan. 2026**

Conversion of Saint Paul  
~ our Patronal Festival  
11.00am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not  
look up the readings we will use:*

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 22:3-16; Mark 19:15-18

*Don't forget to sponsor the 7 day candles by the  
**Blessed Sacrament** or by **Our Lady** – Just sign up  
on the sheets on the Notice Board & include any  
prayer intention you may like to share.*

**St Paul, King Cross, Halifax**

**Sunday 18 January 2026**

**Welcome to our Parish Mass on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A special welcome if you are visiting.  
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have  
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

**Hymns: 50; 341; 302; 294; 394**

Readers: Mary Barton-Marshall & Gill Sladdin  
Intercessions: Shaughn Bevan

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of  
Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift  
Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

*During the week please pray for:*

The people of Lynwood Crescent Southowram

*Among our congregation:*

Denise Dowen, Mary Heath, Gerald Jackson

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world

Tuesday – Local Schools – pupils & staff

Wednesday – Bishop Stephen & Bishop Smitha

Thursday – all who will be baptised or married in our  
Churches this year – the candidates & their families

Friday – All who are unwell or in need today

Saturday – our organist and choir

*Those who are sick or in need:*

Laraine Cowgill, Sue Sanders, Jeremy Whitaker,  
Julian Haw, Susan Wainwright, Valerie Cotton,  
Teddy Hicks, Jerome, Jacinta Hunter,  
Michael Kenyon, Barbara Wood, Barbra Martin,  
Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson, Kathryn Osborne

*Long term sickness:*

Barbara Wood, Eileen Wild, Sarah Pegg

*Recently departed:*

*Anniversaries:*

Brian Matthews (18) Elizabeth Hodkinson (19)  
Francis Field, Doris Smedley (20) Leonard Geddes,  
David Davies, Shirley Hamer (23) Mary Shepherd  
(24)

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, O Most High!

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, in Christ, you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

I was honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 40)

**R:** *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **R:**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **R:**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depths of my heart. **R:**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **R:**

### SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the

name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### GOSPEL (John 1: 29-34)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



