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God answers the pleas of his people to send us Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Christ sends the Spirit of Peace to descend upon our hearts as the Spirit descended upon him at his baptism, freeing us from sin so that St. John the Baptist could cry out: 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!'

Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: II

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January 2026

Entrance Antiphon

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
And shall sing to you,
Shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

First Reading

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm

Behold, I have, Lord, to do your will.

Psalm 40

Second Reading

'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him,
He gave the authority to become children of God
Alleluia!*

Gospel

'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

John 1:29-34

Saturday			6:00pm	Terence & Martha
Sunday	18th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	19th January	Feria		No Mass
Tuesday	20th January	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	21st January	St. Agnes		No Mass
Thursday	22nd January	Feria		No Mass
Friday	23rd January	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	24th January	St. Francis De Sales	10:00am	Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas McMahon R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	25th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Constance Petrie & Deceased Family Members

Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed fifteen minutes before weekday Masses.

Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the morning Mass.

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Jenny King, David Hogg, Peter King, Dorota Gobiecka-Grosz, Peter Bevis, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Henry Bedingfield, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Mary Lundberg, Dorothy Borkett, Diana Squibb, Eileen Tilbrook, Nora Sayer, Letitia Fitzgerald, Kieran McNamara, Maria Fairweather, Agnes Furser, Frances Chatfield, Daphne Spence, Charles Rhatigan, Lilian Bates, Dorothy Dimelow and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Life is like a cash register, in that every account, every thought, every deed, like every sale, is registered and recorded.

Fulton J. Sheen

St Walstan's Lectio Divina Prayer Sessions

All invited to join St Walstan's Lectio Divina sessions. Scripture is inspired by God and Lectio Divina offers a way of *encountering* Scripture rather than studying it; an opportunity to listen, reflect, and rest in God's presence. Our next session is 7pm on Thursday 22nd January in the main house (while the Garden Room is being decorated). From 5th February, we will continue meeting fortnightly in the Garden Room.

For more details email Cathryn at marplesce@gmail.com

Decorating: The Garden Room, sacristy and parish office will be decorated the week commencing Monday January 19th and so will be unavailable for use during that week. Ministers of the Eucharist should be able to access the tabernacle key but please take extra care and be advised by the decorators. Thank you.

Diocesan Yearbook 2026: This very useful resource is available in the church porch priced at £5. You can either put the money in the silver slot or select the repository option on the Dona machine.

Tea & Coffee after Mass: Please sign up to the rotas in the church porch to help with this ministry. If you are unsure what to do, please ask one of the regular helpers or Fr David

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

St. John Paul II

Collections (DONA)	10 th /11 th January	£633.54 (£40)
Late Christmas Offerings		£167.00
		Many Thanks

The Chosen: The next episode will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after evening Mass) on Wednesday January 28th. All welcome.

Beetle Drive: This annual fun evening takes place in the Garden Room at 6.00pm on Friday February 13th. Don't worry if you've never played before, you'll soon pick it up. Lots of laughs – and it's free!

Safeguarding training

The diocese provides online training for parishioners who have undertaken a role in the parish which requires a DBS check. This training is easy to access, and you can complete it at your own pace. It takes approximately 60- 75 minutes to complete in total and lasts 3 years.

To access the training please go to

<https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk>

There are notices regarding this in both the porch and garden room.

Up to date safeguarding guidance cards are now available for anyone who has been DBS checked, please contact Hilda Kaye if you require one.

All welcome to St Walstan's Lectio Devina prayer sessions. They will recommence every other Thursday in the new year at 7pm in the Garden room on 8th January, then 22nd January continuing fortnightly.

Items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm.