

Second Sunday of Epiphany

18th January 2026

Collect

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 49:1-7)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.
Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
And now the LORD says, who formed me in the
womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am 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."
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm (Psalm 40)



Response:

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**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth 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 Paul's First Letter 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
spiritual 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 him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading (John 1:29-42)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
The next day he 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 Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Post 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 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Albert Kwasi Kkwateng, Lenny Shaw, baby Maison, Stephen Green

Among the departed:

Anniversaries of Death: Rafaela Catena, George Bennett (Pr), Minnie Oliver, Eleanor Brotherton, Rose Wainwright, Charles Todd, Zoe Scott, Ron Hughes, May Bruce Barnard

In our parish: We pray for Mitchell Street, Roby House and Amias House

In the wider world: We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday No Open Church or Mass

Next Sunday Conversion of St Paul

Sung Mass 10.30am

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following: TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

Can you help?

Please speak to Sherry in you'd like to help set up for the service and with the refreshments or clear away on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!