

## OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

### CONDORRAT.

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#### Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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#### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

*I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40 (39)

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 1:1-3

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

#### Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

#### Reflection: Communion Beyond Boundaries: The Work of the Spirit

As we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, my attention is drawn to the opening words of Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul addresses not only the Church in Corinth, but also "all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours" (1 Cor 1:2). From the very beginning, the Apostle situates the Church within a horizon far wider than one local community or one visible boundary. His words embrace all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, wherever they may be found.

This greeting reminds us that those who are not formally within the visible structures of the Catholic Church, yet sincerely call upon the name of the Lord Jesus, are not strangers to Christ. Through baptism and faith in Him, they belong, in a real way, to the one Body of Christ, redeemed by the same Blood of the Lamb. Christian unity, therefore, is not something we invent or negotiate. It is a gift already given in Christ, one that we are called to recognise, protect, and deepen.

In his recent teachings, Pope Leo XIV has repeatedly emphasized that Christian unity is not a distant aspiration or a polite courtesy, but a fundamental vocation rooted in the faith we share. He points especially to the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, professed by Christians across traditions, as a powerful sign of our common inheritance. In this shared confession of faith in the Triune God, in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, we stand together on holy ground together.

The Holy Father reminds us that what unites Christians is far greater than what divides us. Unity grows when we return to these shared foundations, allowing them to shape our prayer, our dialogue, and our mutual understanding. True unity is not the product of human strategy alone, but the fruit of prayer, theological honesty, patient dialogue, and above all, the work of the Holy Spirit. This echoes the prayer of Christ Himself, "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21), a unity first given in baptism and continually nourished by Grace. Unity is sustained by forgiveness and

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mutual trust. The witness of Christian martyrs throughout history reveals a shared sacrifice often described as an “ecumenism of blood.” These were men and women who, regardless of denomination, gave their lives in faithful witness to Christ. This witness points to a spiritual communion sealed through baptism and suffering, even in contexts where full visible unity among Christians has not yet been realised.

As a parish community, we have been blessed to experience something of this unity in our relationship with the Condorrat Parish. Ours is a friendship rooted in a shared love for Christ and sustained by mutual trust and prayer. In this spirit, we continue to pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the Condorrat Parish seeks a new minister. May the Lord grant them a shepherd after His own heart, endowed with a deep love for communion and a burning zeal for the salvation of souls. May this week of prayer renew in us a deeper commitment to unity.

### Hymns for Sunday

<b>Entrance:</b> Abba, Abba Father	<b>No. 94</b>
<b>Offertory:</b> Blessed are you Lord God of all creation	<b>No. 175</b>
<b>Communion 1:</b> All heaven declares	<b>No. 117</b>
<b>Communion 2:</b> Father in my life I see	<b>No. 250</b>
<b>Recession:</b> The Spirit lives to set us free	<b>No. 672</b>

**Memorial:** St. Agnes (Wednesday), St. Francis De Sales (Saturday).

Let us keep in our prayers the sick in our community, especially **Pat Lennon**.

**Death:** *George Morris, Sister Marie Theresa, Eleanor Riordah, Maria Hermina Rodrigues, Ken Jarvie.*

**Anniversary:** *Jimmy Quinn, Teresa McConnell, Teresa Cannon, Pat Healy, Bridget Hearty, William Kelly, George Egan, Bobby O’Rourke.*

Next Week, there will be a **Second Collection for Assisted Parishes**

### *St. Helen’s Primary School – Annual Burns’ Café*

The senior members of the parish are warmly invited to attend the Annual Burns’ Café hosted by St. Helen’s Primary School on **Friday, 23rd January**, following the **10.00 a.m. Mass**. Please come along to enjoy the children's entertainment and relax in good company over a wee cup of tea or coffee. Kindly add your name to the sign-up list so the school can adequately prepare for your attendance.

### Monday Hub – Temporary Venue Change

The Monday Hub will be held temporarily in the hall at Condorrat Parish Church, beginning on Monday, 26th January, from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. We are grateful to Condorrat Parish Church for the use of their hall. Assistance with transport can be arranged if needed. Please speak to an SSVP member or call 07907 076 368. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Collections for 11/01/2026

**Offertory:** £621.97                      **Gift Aid envelopes:** £324. **Thank you.**

**Mass of Our Celtic Roots:** Sunday 25th January at 4pm, St Aloysius Church, 25 Rose St Glasgow G3 6RE. Join us for a unique Mass blending prayer, and music of our Celtic heritage. All are welcome to gather in celebration, reflection, and community.

**Burns Special Ceilidh Evening:** Saturday 24th January. Please join us for Mass at 4pm at St James the Great, 20 Beltrees Road, Crookston, G53 5TE. Mass will be followed by a celebration in the church hall. An evening of poetry, music, ceilidh dancing and food. 18-35ish Youth Group... although all welcome! 0141 882 4927 or 5265. Email: stjames@rcag.org.uk

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