

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A.

Sunday, 25th of January, 2026.

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27 (26)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

Reflection: *Unity Begets Mission*

Unity is the key to unlocking the Christian mission. When a group of people share one heart and one mind, there is nothing they cannot achieve. St. Paul understood the importance of unity in advancing the kingdom vision. If Christians are to be Christians in name and deed, if they are to attract people to seek Christ, the world must see them as united. Here, we are not primarily discussing ecumenism between denominations. We are speaking about unity within our own parish and immediate faith communities.

It is worth remembering that it was in Antioch that the believers in Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). Why was this significant? Because in Antioch, Jewish and Gentile believers lived and worshipped together in such harmony that outsiders recognized them as belonging to Christ. Their unity was so evident, their love for one another so striking, that they needed a new name to describe this remarkable community.

St. Paul identifies one of the primary causes of division within the Body of Christ: stratification by gift. Some people feel more important than others due to their roles within the Church or their particular talents. But this must never be the case. God has called us differently and uniquely, each for a specific purpose in his grand design.

Consider the beautiful diversity within our parish community. Some dress the altar with care and reverence, some proclaim the Word at Mass, some clean the Church until it shines. Some keep our social media presence vibrant and welcoming, and others have smiling faces that greet people at the door. Some quietly remind parishioners about Mass times, others teach the faith with patience and wisdom. Some have the gift of making the priest laugh after a difficult day, while others possess the keen eye to identify what the Church needs. Some have the practical skills to fix things, others have the fortitude to sit through long meetings discussing parish affairs. Still others have the compassionate heart to mourn with those who mourn.

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None can take the place of another. Have you ever caught yourself saying, "If only Mrs. Smith were here, this would have been sorted"? This reveals that each person's gift is unique and irreplaceable. We are not interchangeable parts in some machine. We are living members of Christ's Body, each contributing something that no one else can offer in quite the same way.

So, St. Paul encourages us not to allow any disagreement to fracture the unity of our parish community. The Body of Christ carries out its mission of evangelization on the principle of "Different gifts, one Spirit, one mission." When we stand together, celebrating our differences rather than competing because of them, we become an irresistible witness to the transforming power of Christ's love. Our unity itself becomes our evangelization.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: City of God	No. 154
Offertory: Take my hands	No. 639
Communion 1: One Bread one Body	No. 538
Communion 2: Sweet Heart of Jesus	No. 634
Recession: Follow me, Follow me	No. 259

Memorial: St. Timothy and Titus (Monday), St. Thomas Aquinas (Wednesday), St. John Bosco (Saturday).

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

The funeral of George Morris is scheduled for Thursday, the **29th of January at 10 AM**.

Death: *Netta McNeilis, Mary Askew, Cecilia Wright, Christopher Wills, Eleanor Riordan.*

Anniversary: *Tom McElroy, Jack Mulholland, Maureen Coleman.*

Important Update: Warm Hub at Condorat Parish Hall cancelled.

Further to the notice regarding the temporary relocation of the Warm Hub to Condorat Parish, we regret to update us that this arrangement has now been cancelled. This is due to technical issues with the Hall, which unfortunately make it unsuitable for use at this time. We regret any inconvenience this may cause and thank everyone for their understanding.

Collections for 11/01/2026

Offertory: £638.01

Gift Aid envelopes: £322.

Justice and Peace: £697.63 **Thank you.**

St Patrick's Day Mass: The annual St Patrick's Day Mass will take place on Saturday 14th March at 10 am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow. All welcome.

Abba's Vineyard: Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with the theme of God's Word and Pope Leo's intention for the month. The evening also includes the opportunity for confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. For young

Retreat Weekends For People Thinking About What Is Next In Life: 'Navigating the way forward' - Either 13-15 March (Conforti, Coatbridge) or 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs)

Take time out with God for reflection, input and community as we consider how to discern where we are and where we might be invited to next steps. For those facing choices in life, or wondering if there are changes which would lead to greater growth. Go to [ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow](#)

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