



**“One Body,  
One Spirit”**

**WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR CHRISTIAN  
UNITY 2026**

**Opening Service: Sunday, 18th January 2026 at 8pm**

Location:  
**St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church**  
Malankara House, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown,  
Dublin 20, D20 VP97

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Presbyterian, Religious Society of Friends, Roman Catholic, Romanian Orthodox, Indian Orthodox Church, Salvation Army.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins **this Sunday, January 18**. This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Primary Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church.

**The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2026 is Normal Lives, Called to Holiness.**

**WHAT'S ON**

**Thursday 22nd January**

After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

**Friday 23rd January**

**Eucharistic Prayer Group** meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.**



We remember  
**Alice Curran**  
**Elizabeth (Betty)**  
**Shanley**  
who died recently  
**MAY THEY REST  
IN PEACE**

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the parish wish to thank the priests and all the parishioners who supported them so generously over Christmas and all through the year. Thank you sincerely from both Conferences— St. John the Evangelist & St. Elizabeth of Hungary.**



At Christmas the choir sang a lovely carol, Do you have room? The choir has room for many more members. Each year we lose a couple through retirement. We are pleased to welcome Maeve and Leanne who joined us in Advent. We need singers in all 3 vocal lines and are happy to welcome men. Practice is on Monday from 7:45 to 9:15pm. Why not give choir a try and discover your gift? Contact Irene on 089-6059135 or leave you number in the parish office. Singing is a great way to serve God and your parish.



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**Church Collections**

w/e 10th/11th January 2026

1st Priests: €679

2nd Collection: €531

Envelopes: €529

**PARISH LOTTO**

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 4, 10, 20, 31**

**The Jackpot is**

**€2,300**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on

Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the  
earth.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

**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.

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

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

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I.

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

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.

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

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

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

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

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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### Gospel Acclamation cf. Lk 19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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