



ST. THÉRÈSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH EDENVALE

We are a visible expression of God's love.

18th January 2026

2ND Sunday

in ordinary Time

New Missal Page: 313

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Weekday: 724

Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI

Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)

Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)

Rev. P. Rohrbeck (Deacon)

Entrance Antiphon

(Psalm 66:4)

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: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm 40

R: See, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. 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**

2. You delight not in sacrifice and offerings,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Then I said, "See I have come." **R**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
of me: "I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me." **R**

4. 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 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: (John 1:14a, 12ac)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word became flesh and dwelt among us.
To all who received him he gave power to become
children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon: (Cf. Ps 23:5)

You have prepared a table before me, and how
precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

(1 John 4:16)

We have come to know and to believe in the love
that God has for us.

Reflection:

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

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COMMUNITY

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

*Our Sick – Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

*The Unemployed – Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

*Those who are grieving: – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

*Peace in the world – Lord God, please bless and guide the world leaders on whose shoulders lay the responsibility of peace in the world. May they seek peace, and preservation of life rather than warfare.

*The well being of our world: Lord God, may we your people seek always to take care of our world, respecting and loving your magnificent creation, and preserving it for generations to come.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: Intention for January:

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child. Please contact the parish office to make an



appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

MARRIAGE

Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

CATECHETICS

Please diarise enrolment dates for 2026 *Kids for Christ*: Phase 4 (Youngsters who have received first communion)

Saturday 24th January at:

Coordinator: Gaily -

gailypillay@gmail.com or 083 589 0063

Senior Catechism: 3 phase course (traditionally starting in Gr 8) leading to Confirmation.

& Bridging Classes:

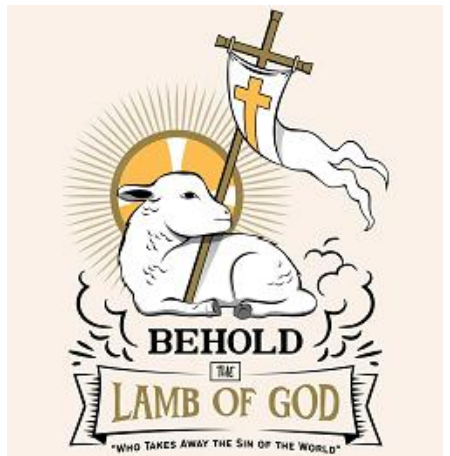
Saturday 31st January at:

Coordinator : Leisle -

leisle.williams@icloud.com

or 082 923 1256

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those adults who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation. RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith. Please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with **Fr. Jonathan**.



Mass Intentions

A Mass intention is the specific purpose for which a priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While every Mass is an infinite act of worship offered to God, the Church allows us to unite particular intentions to each celebration—offering the spiritual benefits of the Mass for a person, group, or need.

These intentions are often requested for:

- The repose of the soul of someone who has died, asking God's mercy and peace for them in eternity
- The healing or well-being of someone who is ill or in need
- Thanksgiving for blessings received
- A special intention, such as guidance, peace, or help in a time of trial

When a priest offers Mass with a specific intention, he is lifting that person or cause up in a unique and personal way—asking God to apply the abundant graces of the Eucharist to their need. It is a beautiful expression of our belief in the communion of saints, and in the power of prayer to transcend time and space.

You do not need to be present at the Mass for the intention to be effective—God, in His mercy, honours the sincerity of the request and the sacrifice offered on behalf of the individual.

To request a Mass intention, most parishes offer a way to submit a name and date—sometimes with a small stipend. This ancient practice remains one of the most powerful and comforting gifts we can offer to others, living or deceased: the gift of the Eucharist.

Please book your mass intentions timeously to avoid disappointment. Email or phone parish office for further details. In the month of November masses are offered for those names on our pious list and no individual intention is said.

Rev. Fr. Jonathan OMI

NEXT WEEK

25TH JANUARY 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

Weekday Masses

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

Public Holidays 08h30

CONFESSION:

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENEDICTION

Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.

Every other Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.

First Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.

St Thérèse Worshipping Community:

Our Vision

A pilgrim community striving to be a visible expression of God's presence to everyone through faith, hope, unity, and love.

Our Mission

A Church that lives by faith, is recognised for its love, and is a voice of hope to the community and Beyond.