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25TH JANUARY 2026 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday

No public Mass

Friday & Saturday Morning

09.30am Mass

Saturday Evening

6pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday, Polish)

Sunday

9.30am

CONFESION

before/after any Mass, or on request

Jubilee Year of St. Francis

The wonderful St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Founder of the Franciscan family of religious, died in 1226. That makes this year the 800th anniversary of his passing. Pope Leo has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis. A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions during this year for any of the following: **a pious pilgrimage to a Franciscan church, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis.**

World Leprosy Day 2026: JBMS Calls for Compassion, Support, and Prayer Sunday 25 January 2026

The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) is calling on individuals, parishes, and communities to support its mission on World Leprosy Day, observed this Sunday, 25th Jan 2026. This annual day of awareness shines a spotlight on the ongoing challenges faced by people affected by leprosy, a neglected tropical disease that continues to impact thousands worldwide.

The Society is named in honour of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God', who served for ten years as warden of the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. John Bradburne's unwavering compassion, faith, and dedication to those living with leprosy left a profound legacy. Inspired by his life and witness, JBMS continues his work by supporting people affected by leprosy, raising awareness of the disease, and helping fund the ongoing operations of Mutemwa. World Leprosy Day offers an important opportunity to highlight the stigma and discrimination that many people with leprosy still endure. It is also a day to celebrate the courage and resilience of those living with the disease, and to honour the memory of John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for them.

To support the work of the JBMS Society, visit: www.johnbradburne.com

John Paul II Boys Retreat, 20-22 Feb 2026. S3-6 boys are invited to a retreat at Tomintoul. Saint John Paul II developed a beautiful way of discovering God's plan for love and the meaning of life for each person. He called this the **Theology of the Body** (TOB). During the weekend, we will discuss topics related to everyday life, relationships, and how to be a true man in today's culture. There will also be plenty of fun, activities, and adventure!

The Marriage Course (online) Commencing on Sunday 25th January, a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Nicky and Sila Lee, authors of *The Marriage Book*, developed *The Marriage Course* for couples looking for practical support to strengthen their relationship. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. [More Info & Registration](#)

Generation Hope Camp 8-12 June 2026. S1 to age 15 students are invited to a Mary's Meals, high-adventure summer camp! (Youth ages 16+ may also attend as young leaders.) It is called "Generation Hope Camp" because it combines the faith and inspiration of the Mary's Meals story with an adventure-sports camp venue. During this five- day camp, we'll hear testimonies from the faith and work of Mary's Meals charity around the world and enjoy water sports, kayaking, zip line, football, crafts, music and games. Cost: £328.50 (£100 deposit due by end of January). We will run fundraisers for this event and would love to find ways for young people to participate if this is too expensive.

Stronghold Festival 22-25 May 2026. Each May there is a camping festival for 16s-30s at Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer, Dalmally. This is a festival of non-stop worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands with wonderful young people and musicians from across the UK. You are invited to come "Worship the Lord with gladness; and come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:2). The price for under 18s is £100 and £140 for 18+. If this is too much, in the past Craig Lodge has offered a discounted price for our youth. [Click here](#) to register or find out more information, or email Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot.

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th January

Saints Timothy and Titus (Companions of St. Paul) - Memorial

Tuesday 27th January
St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Wednesday 28th January
St. Thomas Aquinas, OP, Priest, Doctor of the Church - Memorial

Thursday 29th January
Weekday of 3rd Week of Ordinary Time

Friday 30th January
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Saturday 31st January
St. John Bosco, Priest - Memorial

Sunday 1st February
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Collections

Sun 18th Jan 2026: Cash £237.70; Gift Aid Envelopes £35

Please note that since – I trust because of poor weather – our **Justice and Peace collection** at the beginning of Jan reached the dizzying heights of £2, we're going to hold it again on the weekend of **31 Jan/1 Feb.** ☺

Many thanks for your generous support!