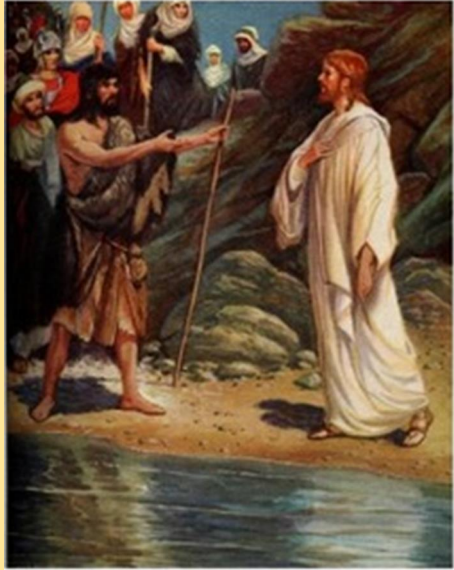


Prayer & Reflection



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John 1:29



“One Body, One Spirit”

Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity 2026

Week beginning: **Monday 19th January**

Theme = Week of Prayer for Christian UNITY

Catholic Social Teaching – Family, Community and Participation

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wednesday Word

The logo for 'Hallow' is centered on a purple square. The word 'Hallow' is written in white, with a blue circle and a white halo above the letter 'o'.

You are invited to 10 minutes of prayer and reflection every Wednesday.

Join Jonathan Roumie (Jesus- The Chosen), Jeff Cavins, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt and Gwen Stefani as we reflect on the Gospel on the day.

8am

12:40pm (First lunch)

1:30pm (Second lunch)

Venue- School Chapel.

CONFIRMATION



2026

The Parish of St John The Evangelist, Gravesend.

The preparation programme for young people in Years 8-13 at school or 13 years of age by 1 September 2026, who are interested in being confirmed in 2026 **begins at the end of January 2026.**

Please see [Susanne](#) for more details.



THEME = Unity

In our school community there are so many different jobs to be done, from cleaning the classrooms, preparing food for breaks and lunch, welcoming visitors at reception; and to teaching lessons.

There are many different tasks but, in a Christian community they should all be done for the same reason, to build up the community in love. We all need one another.

The Spirit of God is present, as is the Spirit of Unity, to give us help and support, as we seek that unity.



This week = The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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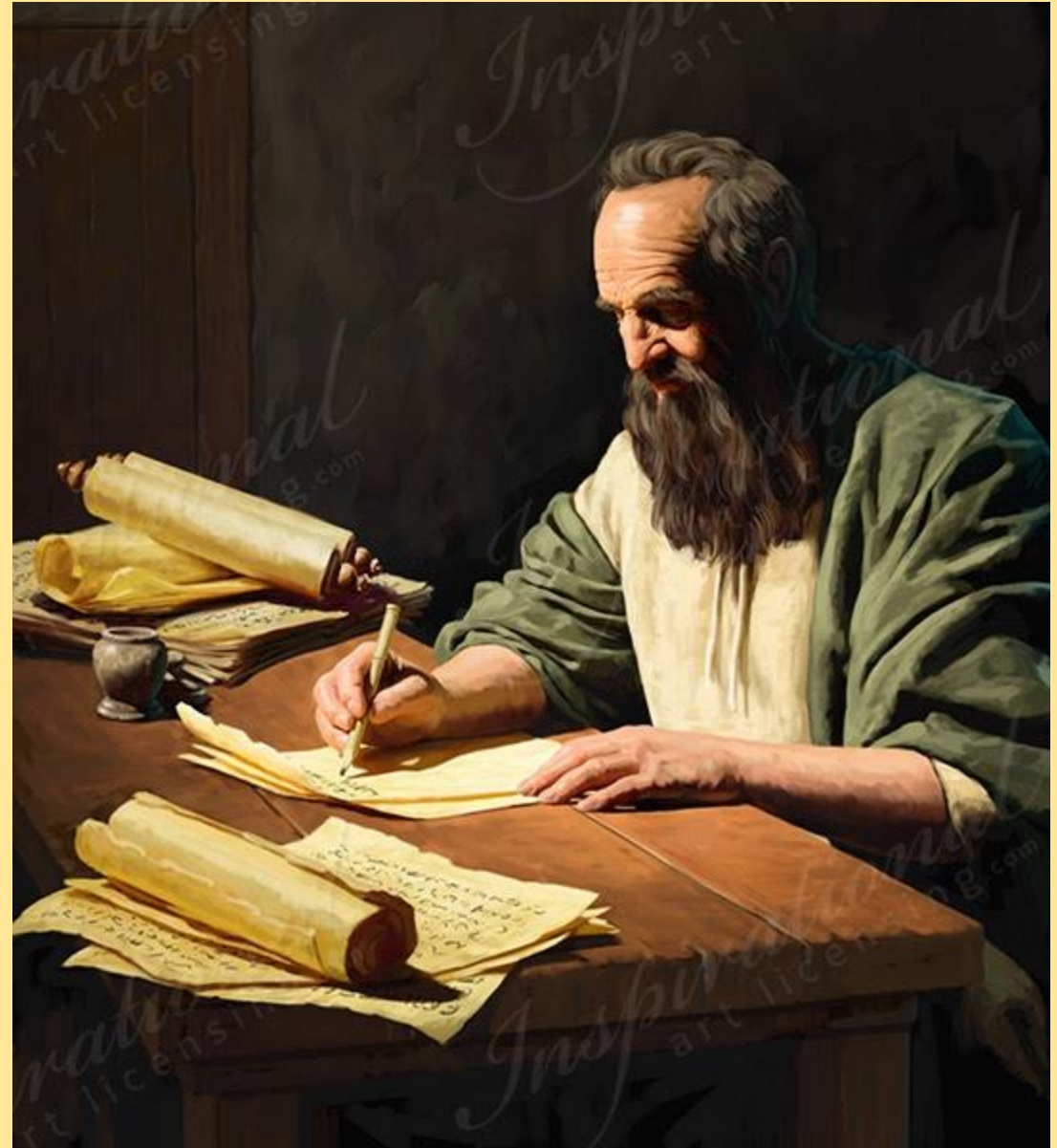
The followers of Jesus Christ are divided. The Christian family, those who have been baptised, consists of 1.8 billion people worldwide are split into 3 parts: Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. Jesus wanted his family to remain united, and this week we pray that this wish will be fulfilled.

St Pauls First Letter to Corinthians 12:4-11

Summary: The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each person for the benefit of all, such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and their interpretation.

Unity in Diversity: St Paul teaches that though there are many different gifts, they come from the same Spirit – the Holy Spirit.

This letter from St Pauls teaches us about the importance of unity in the Church.



UNITY = Catholic Social Teaching



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that “if you want peace, work for justice.”¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

REFLECTION TASK

Unity is central to Catholic Social Teaching: we need to work hard to build our communities with love and care for the common good.

Solidarity teaches us we are one human family, and to follow Jesus' teaching to “Love our neighbour as ourselves.”

This week – please PRAY and work towards UNITY in school, at home, and in our local and national communities.

Prayer for UNITY

Heavenly Father,

We come before You as students from different backgrounds, and different churches, yet united in our shared mission to Be Inspired by Christ.

Lord, break down the walls that divide us. Help us look past our differences—whether in tradition, religion, or personality—and see the reflection of Your love in every brother and sister in Christ. Give us generous hearts, humble spirits, and patient minds.

Inspire us to be builders of bridges, not barriers, in our classrooms, on the playground, and within our communities.

May our generation be known not for division, but for profound unity. Teach us how to pray for one another, support one another, and grow in faith together as one body in Christ.

May Your Spirit bind us together in a true bond of peace. We pray for all students around the world, that we may stand as a unified witness to Your saving grace.

We ask this in the powerful and unifying name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.



**St John the Apostle & Evangelist,
pray for us. Amen**

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Go Forth Today and
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Sunday Gospel = Second Sunday Ordinary Time



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THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1: 29-34

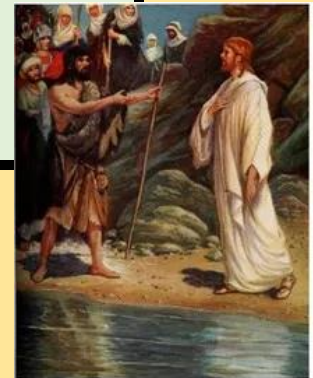
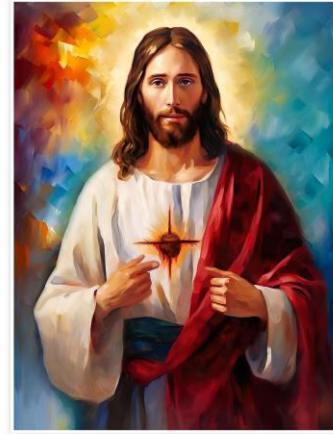
John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptising with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

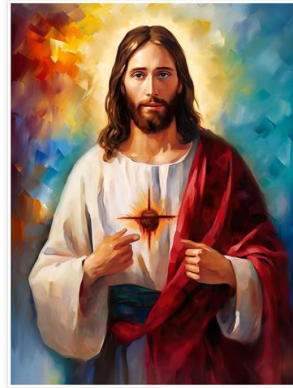
RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



In this gospel reading, John the Baptist saw Jesus and identified him as the Lamb of God. John explained his mission to baptize and testified that he saw the Spirit descend on Jesus, confirming him as the Son of God. There are THREE key messages in this gospel:

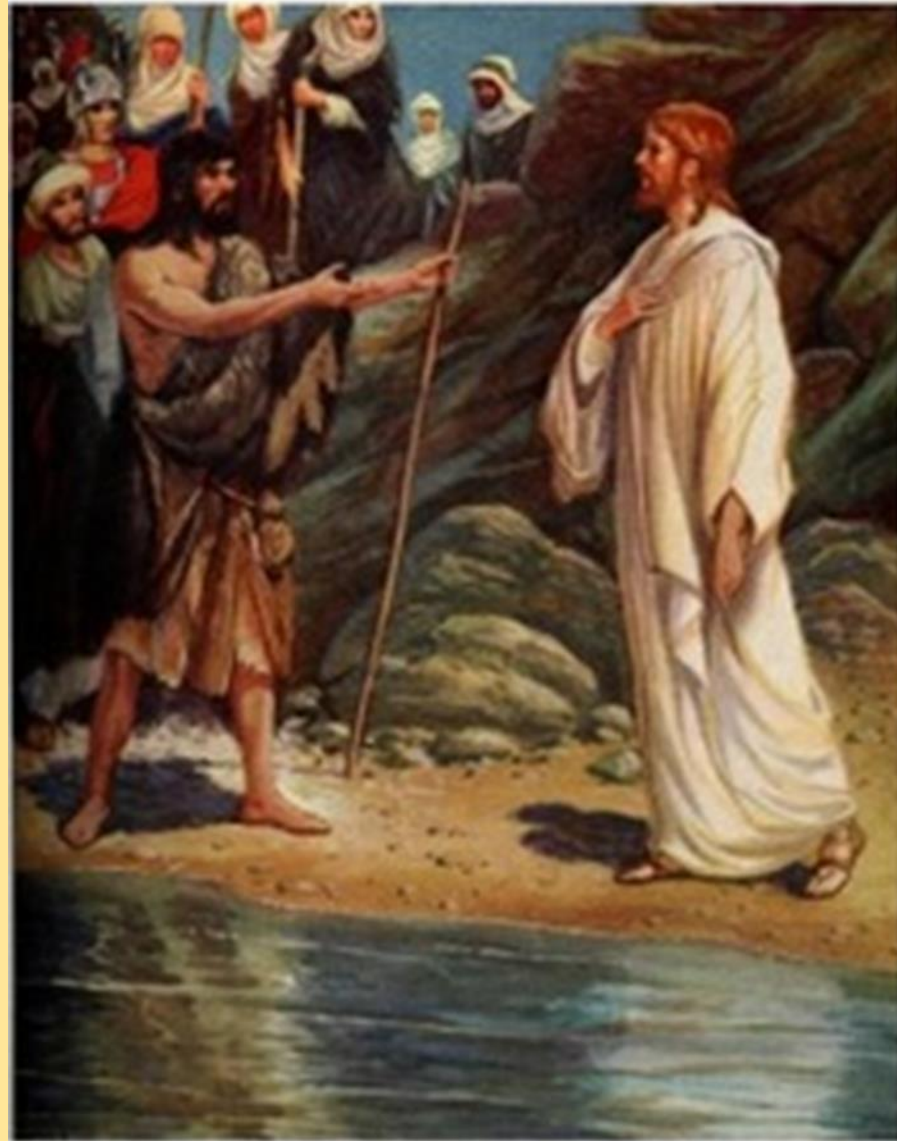
- 1. Jesus as the Lamb of God:** John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. This shows Jesus as the one who takes away sin and brings people back to God.
- 2. The Role of the Holy Spirit:** John the Baptist sees the Spirit come down on Jesus. This confirms Jesus as the chosen one of God.
- 3. Witnessing to Jesus:** John the Baptist tells others about Jesus. This shows the importance of sharing faith and pointing others to Jesus.

REFLECTION TASK

Think about these three questions based around this week's gospel.

1. John had a clear understanding of his mission: to prepare the way for Jesus, not to be the main event. Do you have a sense of your own mission or calling in life?
2. Who are the people in your life who have helped you understand important truths, much like John helped his listeners understand who Jesus was?
3. In what ways do you feel the presence of a higher power or guiding force in your own life?

WORD OF THE WEEK



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A Prayer for thanks and guidance

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of our school and ask for your guidance within its walls.

As John the Baptist pointed the way to Jesus, help us to see and acknowledge Christ as the **Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world** in every aspect of our busy lives.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, which descended upon Jesus like a dove, so that we may have wisdom for our studies, kindness in our friendships, and the moral courage to live as your faithful witnesses in our community.

Protect us, guide us, and help us bring your light to our school.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us today to Be Inspired by Christ, to provide Service to Others, and to strive towards Excellence for All.

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