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**Masses:** Tues to Fri 12:30pm  
Thu 6pm  
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2026



He "baptises with the Holy Spirit." Jn 1:33



### Soul Food | Life In The Spirit Seminar 2026.

A back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a deep experience of God's love for us. This seminar renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. From 15/1/2026 to 26/3/2026 at St Charles Borromeo, every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm.

### The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18-25

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4).

We pray that we may all be one!

| Mass Schedule                  |  |
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| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | 8:15pm The Neocatechumenate                          |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | 9am Pro Populo                                       |
| Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11am Christian Unity                                 |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | 11am Funeral Mass Brian Casey                        |
| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | 12:30pm Thomas Francis McCarthy anniversary. (Unity) |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan       | 12:30pm Francis McDowell—wellbeing. (Unity)          |
| St Agnes                       |  |
| Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan       | 12:30pm Mr Thumwood RIP<br>6pm Fr Jon B (Unity)      |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan       | 12:30pm Fr Jon B (Unity)                             |

*"Many... profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalises the world and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature"* (Decree on Ecumenism "Unitatis Redintegratio" of the Second Vatican Council).

*"Father... May they all be one"* John 17:21.

**Preparing for Marriage** at St Charles Borromeo: eight sessions at 8pm on Thursdays 22nd and 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February, 5th and 12th March and an all-day retreat on Saturday 21st March. The course is free but we would like people to register their interest at [oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk).

Thanks for your contributions to the appeal on behalf of **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN) last Sunday. We have collected £167 so far. You can still fill in an envelope or visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) to contribute to their mission.

**Peace Sunday** takes place on this Sunday 18th January. Our retiring collection is to support **Pax Christi**, the Catholic Movement in England and Wales that works for peace through education in non-violence, campaigning for disarmament and promoting solidarity with victims of war.

Join our WhatsApp group to find the hymns to be sung on Sunday.



# The Spirit of Unity



*Beloved,*

John the Baptist described the Messiah as the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit.

Baptism with the Spirit is the way the Risen Lord immersed the Church at Pentecost and continues to immerse her into his Life with the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, prayer, the sacraments, fellowship and all possible channels of grace.

Submerged in the Holy Spirit of unity between the Father and the Son, people are filled with love for God and neighbor. They are freed to surrender unconditionally to Christ as Lord and feel compelled to announce his Lordship to others to which they also feel united .

When the Spirit is welcomed, divisions are healed and the unity of the body of Christ and of the human family appears and extends.

Towards the end of the 19th century a nun called Elena Guerra, foundress of the Oblates of the Holy Spirit, implored the Pope Leo XIII to lead the Church back to the Upper Room for a New Pentecost. The Pope consecrated the 20th century to the Holy Spirit.

In 1958 John XXIII was elected Pope. When he beatified Elena Guerra in 1959, he gave her the title 'Apostle of the Holy Spirit' and said, "Elena's message is always relevant. We are all aware, of the need for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as of a New Pentecost, which will renew the face of the earth." In 1962 the pope convoked the Second Vatican Council and invited the entire Church to ask the Holy Spirit to renew his wonders in our times as in a New Pentecost.

In 1967 during a retreat students of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were baptised with the Holy Spirit. This was the birth of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Last week, the Charismatic prayer group "Soul Food" that meets in our church every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm started the Life in the Spirit Seminar: a seminar designed to renew and transform lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Also this week from 18th to 25th January the Church prays for Christian Unity.

We need to be submerged in the Holy Spirit. We need Pentecost. We need the unity which Christ enjoyed with God and which he prayed we may also enjoy. Let us pray his prayer that we may all be one.

*Fr Oscar,*