

## This Week's Saints

**St Timothy** - was the Son of a pagan father and Hebrew-Christian Mother. He was a disciple of St Paul and accompanied him in the evangelisation of many cities. According to a fourth century story he was beaten to death by a mob when he opposed the observance of a pagan festival.

**St Titus** - was also a friend and disciple of St Paul. The three pastoral letters written by St Paul to these disciples give glimpses of the structure of the Church.

**St Thomas Aquinas** - In about 1244 he joined the Dominican Order. He is considered one of the great philosophers and theologians of all time and gained the title "Angelic Doctor". He had an undisputed mastery of scholastic theology and a profound holiness of life. Pope Leo XIII declared him Patron of Catholic Schools. His monumental work "Summa Theologica" was still unfinished when he died in 1274.

### **A student's Prayer (St Thomas Aquinas)**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.  
Amen.*



## **Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes**

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### **3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**24TH JANUARY 2021**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Lord, make me know your ways.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the good news.

Alleluia!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Look to the Lord and be radiant;  
Let your faces not be abashed.

**Will you come and follow me?** In the Gospel we hear how Simon and his brother Andrew, James and John, are called to follow Jesus. Do you think it was an easy decision for them to make? How do you think the people that they left behind, like their families and friends, felt when they left so quickly? How would you feel if you had to leave your family, friends and all your things behind? Jesus asks us all to follow him. We can do this by living our lives as he wants us to.

How will you follow Jesus this week?

(CAFOD)

Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 23rd /24th</b> <b>3rd Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	Barbara Tompkins People of the Parish Val Leedham
Monday 25th Conversion of St Paul		
Tuesday 26th Ss Timothy and Titus	<b>10am Mass OH</b> <b>10.30am-11am OH</b>	Souls of Ancestors Adoration
Wednesday 70th	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am -11am BH</b>	Anna Mai Adoration
Thursday 28th St Thomas Aquinas		
Friday 29th	<b>10.30am-11am KF</b> <b>11am Mass</b>	Adoration Vincent Fernandez
Saturday 30th		
<b>Sunday 30th /31st</b> <b>4th Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	People of the Parish David Horner Harold Leedham

Please pray for all those whose have died , those on our January deceased list and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Francis Chin, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Francis Theseira, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections: BH GA £242.00, Lose £284.77, Donation £500.00, Rent £799.99KF 10/1 GA £20.00, Loose £102.00, Donation £300.00. 17/1 GA £35.00, Loose £75.00, Holy Places £3.02

**FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people**

## Monday is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century. St. Paul was originally known as Saul, and he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee. He even presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptized and took the name Paul. He travelled the world, first to Arabia then back to Damascus. He also visited Jerusalem to see St. Peter, the first pope and pay homage to him. During these travels, he preached ceaselessly, often drawing criticism and ire from those who rebuffed his message. Jews, in particular, hated his preaching as they saw him convert people to Christianity from Judaism. Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes.

The letters that have survived have become part of the Bible. It is believed that Paul wrote other letters, which were lost even before the Bible was established by the Church. Paul's writings are important because they provide good advice for how Christians should live.

In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero. *(Catholic online)*

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**Face masks/coverings** a gentle reminder that these must be worn throughout Mass unless you are exempt from doing so. They should only be removed to read or receive Holy Communion. Please try to make sure they cover the nose and mouth at all times. We have been blessed to not have any cases linked to attendance at Mass and blessed to be able to still attend Mass. Let's continue to work together to keep that the case. Thank you.

**Collections** If you would like to set up a regular donation to your Church via the bank please ask for the details you need. Our income has been severely reduced by the pandemic but sadly the bills have not.

**Laptops** you may have seen in the news that schools are struggling to ensure all children have the equipment to continue online learning while schools are closed. St Mary's school are no exception and are grateful to three parishioners, who are ex-parents, and two ex-pupils who are buying and donating a number of refurbished laptops for school to use. The plan is that 10 will be donated as soon as possible.