



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 26 January 2025

During the week:

Monday – Crafty Souls Craft Group meet in the Hall
1pm-3pm – all welcome!

Wednesday 29th Jan. 10.30am Said Mass
followed by refreshments

Next Sunday – 2 Feb. 2025

The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemass Sunday

9.30am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not
look up the readings we will use:*

Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

These prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, which ends today, were prepared by the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate our common faith, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive & fruitful in our days.

Lord of life, we receive all creation from your hand and by your providence. Teach us to live in your world with care and justice for all that you have created. We believe, help our unbelief.

Loving God, grant us the gift of hope in abundance in a world troubled by strife and discord. Strengthen your people afflicted by apathy and division. We believe, help our unbelief.

Merciful God, forgive us for the times we have failed to live a common life as Christians. Draw us more deeply to one faith in you so that we may witness to the world. We believe, help our unbelief.

O heavenly Comforter, we pray that we may trust more in the gift of your wisdom rather than the cleverness of our thinking. We believe, help our unbelief.

Compassionate Lord, lead us to work together so that wherever there is darkness and oppression, suffering and injustice, we may bring your light and freedom. We believe, help our unbelief.

God our Father, accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites Christians in the confession of and witness to Jesus the Lord. Hasten the hour when all churches will recognise each other in the one communion you willed and for which your Son prayed to you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, you who live and reign now and forever. Amen.

**Welcome to the Parish Mass today as
we celebrate the Conversion of St Paul**

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten-free altar bread - please have
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 676; 308; 630; 421; 507

Readers: Clare Dennis & Stella Wood
Intercessions: David Harrison

*The Eucharist follows the Order on
the coloured sheet and the Service runs
Largely unannounced.*

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

During the week please pray for:

For the people of Upper Bell Croft & Walter Clough
Lane and the people of King Cross

Monday – That the cease-fire agreement between
Gaza & Israel will be long lasting

Tuesday – Our GPs & all Social Care/Workers

Wednesday – local food banks & all who need them

Thursday – Archdeacon Bill Bravinor

Friday – All who are unwell or in need today

Saturday – PCC Members

Those who are sick or in need:

David Harrison, Frances Norcliffe, Deborah Golding,
John Greenwood, Pauline Ackroyd, Graham Firth,
Tom Hogan, Bernadette Lister-Pollard,
Hayley Hanson, Stanley Sunderland, Paula Mead,
Theo Mayfield, Mary Haward

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CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON I know whom I have believed. I am sure that he, the just judge, will guard my pledge until the day of judgement.

OPENING PRAYER Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christy your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 117)

***R: Go out to the whole world
and proclaim the Good News***

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
Acclaim him all you peoples! **R:**

Strong is his love for us;
He is faithful for ever. **R:**

SECOND READING (Acts 22:3-16)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul said to the people, "I am a Jew born in Tarsus in Cilicia but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment.

"While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' Then he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.' Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. I asked, 'What am I to do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.' Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus.

"A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, came to me, and standing beside me, he said, 'Brother Saul, regain your sight!' In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. Then he said, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear his own voice, for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptised, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.'

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I chose you from the world, to out and to bear fruit, fruit that will lasts says the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 16:15-18)

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.