

Sunday 18 January 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - *Isaiah 9.1-4*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O land of Zebulun and Naftali,

on the shores of Galilee,

beyond the Jordan,

amongst the other nations:

you have suffered anguish,

affliction, and despair;

but you will be

raised to glory.

You have walked

in darkness,

but you will see

a great light.

You have lived

in a land

of deep darkness,

but on you,

the light will shine.

You will

enlarge the nation;

and there will be joy

like the joy

on the day of the harvest,

or on the day

when the enemy

is driven away.

For the bar

across your shoulders,

and the power

of your oppressor,

will be broken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

To the church of God in Corinth,

made holy, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

And to all those,

in every place, who call on his name.

Grace to you, and peace,

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every day

I give thanks

for all that God is doing amongst you.

For in Christ,

you have grown

in every way.

You have grown

in your confidence

in the message of Christ.

And you have grown

in every spiritual gift,

as you look

for the coming of our Lord.

God has called you

into the fellowship

of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Son of God.

And we trust

that God will continue

to give you the strength

that will keep you in holiness

for the day of our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - *Matthew 4.12-17*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

When he heard

that John the Baptist

had been arrested,

Jesus left Nazareth,

and made his home at Capernaum,

on the north shore of Galilee,

fulfilling the words

of the prophet Isaiah:

'O land of Zebulun and Naftali,

on the shores of Galilee,

beyond the Jordan,

amongst the other nations:

you have walked

in darkness,

but you will see

a great light;

you have lived

in a land

of deep darkness,

but on you,

the light will shine.'

And there,

Jesus began to teach,

saying, 'Repent,

for the kingdom of heaven is near.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.