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Feast of the Holy Family



28th December 2025



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A HAPPY & HOLY NEW YEAR, 2026

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As the year of 2025 draws to a close, we thank God for his blessings, we ask God's forgiveness for the the blessings we have missed or taken for granted. We also acknowledge that we have denied God's blessing to others, when our openness to the Holy Spirit has not been all that it could have been. And now, we ask God's help and guidance for the year ahead.

May the dynamics of gratitude and repentance, and our cry for help, bring us closer to God, and awaken in us a new desire to serve him with all our hearts in the choices and responsibilities he puts before us.

As we take leave of this current year, we pause to give thanks to God for all those in our lives who have helped us on our way; friends and family, and fellow parishioners—all who are gifts from God. To those who share their lives with us may we be truly grateful. Take care and God bless all. Fr Gerard.



A big thank you to our children who presented the timeless story of the Nativity at our Family Mass at Holy Saviour's on Christmas Eve. The birth of the newborn king, heralded by angels, recognised by shepherds, and presented by children is a story written by God and reflected upon by generations of human beings who seek to understand God's mysterious ways of drawing us into the life of faith!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 29th December 2025

Monday 29th Dec	Tuesday 30th Dec	Wednesday 31st Dec	Thursday 1st Jan	Friday 2nd Jan	Saturday 3rd Jan	Sunday 4th Jan
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 28th December	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 4th January	Margaret B	Emmanuel

No Children's Church this weekend

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £685 p/w.
21st Dec: £235.40 Thank you!

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS



Pauline Firman	£100.00
Paul McLoughin	£75.00
Linda Fernandez	£50.00
Jack Dempsey	£25.00

£740 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00	Simon Smart
£10.00	Carl Hammond
£10.00	Antonio Parente
£10.00	Ray Condon

£77.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

MASS INTENTIONS

Debbie Maher, died recently.
Fred Uttley, died recently.
Brian Dunne, anniv, 24th Dec.
Thomas Donnelly, 7th anniv, 26th Dec (2018)
Esme Thornton, anniv, 27th Dec (2024)
Peggy Duffy, anniv, 27th Dec.
Mildred & George Hodson, anniv, 2nd Jan
Mary Ingham, anniv, Jan 2nd
Mary Gibbons, 13th anniv, 5th Jan.
Michael Gibbons 10th anniv, 5th Jan.
Stephen McDermott, anniv.

George Mullarkey

Special Intention

Christmas Masses:

Louise Dean & family; Mary Variyam & family; Sharifa Inayat & family; Norbert, Paul, Jacob & family; Halim Variyam & family; Ann Perviaz & family; Michael Variyam & family; Martin Variyam & family; Anthony Wilson; Wendy Spillane.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 28th Peter White (2011)
Angelo Alessandro (2015)
Dec 29th Gwendoline Calvert (1986)
John Whalley (1996)
George McNamara (2004)
Joan Simm (2020)
Dec 30th Paula Dunne (1998)
Stephen McDermott (2006)
Michael Kegg (2010)
Peter Kushi (1998)
Dec 31st Marion Eccles (1993)
Mary Nolan (2011)
June Veronica Taylor (2014)
Jan 1st Rev A A Baron (1949)
Annie Nurden (2000)
Veronica Ashton (2015)
Jan 2nd Mildred Hodson (1995)
Jan 3rd Brian John Gorton (2013)

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



**Happy
New Year**
2026