

# Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

| Date / Time  | Intention  | Parish Events   |
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| Saturday 20th Dec<br>Mass 12:00noon<br><br><b>4th Sunday of Advent</b><br>5:00pm   | Kevin Doyle RIP<br><br>James Madden RIP  | 11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>11:30am: Confessions  |
| Sunday 21st Dec<br>9:30am<br><br>11:00am   | Tony McNeilis RIP<br>10yr Anniversary<br>People of the Parish  | 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)<br><b>12:00noon: Decorating the Church</b>                             |
| Monday 22nd Dec  |  | Church open for private prayer<br>10:00am: Choir Practice (in Church)<br>12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club) |
| Tuesday 23rd Dec<br>12:00noon  | Funeral for<br>Francis 'Frank' Carlin  |   |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>Wednesday 24th Dec<br><br><b>Christmas Family Mass</b><br>5:30pm<br><b>Sung Christmas Mass</b><br>9:00pm   | <b>VIGIL OF THE<br/>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b><br><br><b>Christmas Mass Intentions</b><br><br><b>Christmas Mass Intentions</b> | 8:30pm: Carols by Candle Light  |
| <b>Christmas Day</b><br>Thursday 25th Dec<br><b>Sung Christmas Mass</b><br>10:30am   | <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE<br/>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b><br><br><b>Christmas Mass Intentions</b>                                     | 6:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)  |
| Friday 26th Dec  |  |   |
| Saturday 27th Dec<br>12:00noon<br><b>FEAST OF THE HOLY<br/>FAMILY</b><br>5:00pm  | Peter Smith<br><br>John McCormack RIP 80th<br>Birthday Remembrance   | 11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>11:30am: Confessions  |
| Sunday 28th Dec<br>9:30am<br>11:00am   | People of the Parish<br>Patricia Roberts   | 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)  |
| <i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild:</i>   |  |   |
| <i>Monday: Escor Road Tuesday: Evergreen Close Wednesday: Falcon Crescent Thursday: Farmbrook Road<br/>Friday: Farmview Close Saturday: Belle Vale Adventure Programme</i> |  |   |



# Newsletter

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 21st December 2025**

## ADVENT MUSIC

Penitential Rite:

**Kyrie eleison**

**Christe eleison**

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As we light the first Advent candle  
we sing:

**Christmas is coming the church is glad  
to sing and let the Advent candles  
brightly burn in a ring.**

**The Fourth is for the Virgin,  
who mothered God's own son.**

**And sang how God's justice  
was meant for everyone.**

**Christmas is coming the church is glad  
to sing and let the Advent candles  
brightly burn in a ring.**

Advent Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Dismissal Song.:

*Please all join in as the children leave:*

**We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God. x2  
We are marching, we marching, whoo!  
We are marching, in the light of God. x2**

Sanctus:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven  
and earth are full are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes.  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation:

**Save us, save us, saviour of the world, for by  
your cross and resurrection, you have set us  
free.**

## ADVENT

**Advent Preaching Series:** The Jubilee year of  
Hope comes to a close at the Epiphany.  
During Advent I will be preaching a homily  
series based on hope. [Fr Stephen](#)

**Fourth Sunday of Advent: — We cooperate  
with hope as Joseph does. Hope matures in  
the silence where Joseph listens, trusts, and  
steps into God's surprising plan.**

**Parish Priest**

**Fr. Stephen Pritchard**

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## CHRISTMAS

### Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve:** Mass for Children & Families 5.30pm

**Christmas Eve:** Candlelit Carols & Readings 8.30pm  
followed by Sung Mass 9pm.

**Christmas Day:** Mass 10.30am

**Decorating the Church:** On Sunday 21st December after the 11am Mass, will you lend a hand for an hour to decorate the Church for our Christmas Celebrations? It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit with friends and help make our church look resplendent.

**Shopping Centre Carols:** Thanks to all the singers and parishioners who came on Sunday. It was amazing to sing with Christians from the local Christian churches and share in common witness together at this time of year.

**Christmas Mass Intentions:** There are Mass Bouquet Cards available in the Piety Shop £1 if you would like someone to know that they are being prayed for at the Christmas Masses. Envelopes can be filled in and left in the basket on the sanctuary.

**Brass Cleaners:** Thanks to all the people and especially to Mike Hart who have been cleaning all the brasses in church. Everything looks gleaming and a wonderful way of preparing for the Nativity.

**Christmas Welcome:** Not everyone attends Christmas Masses or Sunday Mass with family or friends – lots of people will be coming on their own. Christmas services are also among the most attended by non-church goers, who may not know anyone else there and may be feeling apprehensive.

Make it easy for people to come alone. You may want to help them find somewhere to sit, especially if they are new.

You can tell them what your name is, you can help people with the books for Mass. Not everyone will feel comfortable staying after Mass, so please make a point of at end of Masses speak to “new” people to help people feel seen and “welcomed” as they leave.

**“Welcoming” is for the whole church community and not just those who greet people on the way in.**

Many single people say that “church family” doesn’t feel like it applies to Christmas – and this can feel extremely isolating. So let’s not leave welcoming just to the ‘welcome team’. Consider how you could encourage the whole church to be outward looking in the lead up to Christmas.

**Crib Collection:** We will again support the work of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. Many Christian families in the Holy Land face another Christmas marked by hardship. Despite the recent ceasefire, daily life remains extremely difficult. As we sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, may we remember those striving to remain in the birthplace of our Hope.

## EPIPHANY

**New Year Celebration:** Mass 12noon  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January followed by prosecco, drinks and food. All Welcome!

**Epiphany: (Holy Day of Obligation)** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 7pm. International celebration in which we would like to celebrate the different nations and cultures in the parish. In the Romero Room afterwards, there will be an international table of food to enjoy. Mass Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am and also in St Gregory’s School at 1.30pm. We will have the blessing of the Church and also the blessing cards for your homes 20\*CMB+26.

**Living Faith:** The Living Faith Books for Jan/Feb/Mar 2026 are now available in the Piety Shop. Price £2.00.

## How to give support to God’s Mission through the Parish

**On-Line:** Scan the QR

**Text:**

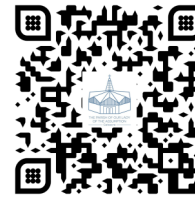
Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

**Standing Order:**

Forms at the back of church and on website.



## NOTICES

**Lourdes Donation:** Thank you to the very generous parishioner who gave £300.00 to the Lourdes Fund. This following Male Voice Choir event that raises the total to £1276.00

**CAFOD World Gifts:** A huge thank you to all that supported CAFOD this year. A fabulous total again. Our collection of £629.00 has bought 3 Chirpy Chickens, A safe place to call home, Promoting Peace, Mother & Baby, Water for a Family, 6 Teach someone to read, 6 Trees for Life and a Medical Outreach Team. All the information about these gifts are on the CAFOD website [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/) Thank you again!

## CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Adrian Ellis, Alexander & Christine Keyes, Alexander 'Jimmy' Keyes, Alice & Jack Taylor, Arthur & Tricia McCoy, Arthur Williams, Aryton Senna Da Silva, Ben, Eugie, Sadie, Jon and Family, C. Paul Hazlewood, Carole Hart, Catherine Silker, Charlie Korukcu, Christina Keyes, Christine Larkin, Collette Szymazach, Daisy Walker, Diya Ann Pandeeep, Dorothy Dean, Eddie Dunn & Recently, Deceased Brother Bobby, Edward Feeney, Elizabeth & Thomas Kennedy, Elizabeth Tucker, Ellen & George Woods RIP, Ester, George, James, Kevin, Bridget, Fr Noble, Fr. N. Wilde, Francis D'Annunzio, Francis McGrail, Gaynor Lyon, Gerald & Joan Omar, Gertie Finegan, Grace Burke RIP, Hannah Baldwin, Helen,

## Weekly Collections

**14th December 2025**

Envelopes & Cash: £423.60

S/O online: £910.00

**TOTAL: £1333.60**

**THANK YOU!**

Christmas Flowers/Candles:  
£214.07

Hilda & Jim Davies, Irene Heron, Jack & Josie Marsh, Jennie Greenan, Jim & Hilda Davies, John & Edna Barton, John & Sally McNulty, John Patrick Moore, John Paul Kenna, Joseph McNally, Karen & David, Kate, Ros, Philip, A. John, Michael Swift, Kathleen & Alan Hudson, Kathleen Jones, Kathy McClachlon, Kelly, Joe & Families, Liam Ashton, Madge & Frank Byrne, Margaret, Jim and James Fearon RIP, Margart Dryhurst, Margie McNeilis, Marie McKenna, Marjie & Norman Tagoe, Mary & Peter Taylor, Mary Lynch, Michael & Meleesa Burke, Michael Byrne, Michael Scott, Mila Facenfield & Family, Muriel Moore, Natalie Lockhart, Norah Farrell, Patricia Lynch, Paul Griffiths, Ricky Smith, Sally Ward, Sarah Bowers, Sheila Doherty, Sophie, Roger and all animal friends, Steve Cawley, Steve Flanagan, Terence O'Connell, Teresa Burke, Terry Barton Jnr, Tertianno Michael Kennedy, Balchin Family, Bradley Family, Broad Family, Carline Family, Chambers Family, Clarke Family, Connell Family, Dolan Family, Doman Family, Gallagher Family, Ginnelly Family, Harrison Family, Higgins Family, Kay Family, Kennedy Family, Lavery Family, McNeilis Family, Friends & Pilgrims, Murphy Family, Sutton Family, Taylor Family, Tilly Jolliffe, Tony & Cathy McNeilis, Tony McNeilis RIP, Tracey Jane Hazlewood, William & Mary O'Connell, Win Quinn, Linda Mary Madden, James Madden, Fr. JN Latham, Mary Feeney, Margaret & Francis Benson.