



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**

**COLLECT**

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of Sirach.  
*'He who fears the Lord honours his parents.'* 3:2-6, 12-14  
The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 128(127)*

**Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
and walk in his ways.**

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and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the husband who fears the LORD.  
May the Lord bless you from Sion.  
May you see Jerusalem prosper  
all the days of your life! **R.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

*Family life in the Lord.*

3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: \*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.\*

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.'* 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and  
Saint Joseph,

you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Martina Foley (Anniversary)	<b>28<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Feast of the Holy Family</b>  <b>FEASTS :</b> Monday St Thomas a Becket Tuesday St Eugene Wednesday St Sylvester, Pope Thursday Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Friday St Basil the Great & St Gregory Saturday Most Holy Name of Jesus Sunday Second Sunday After The Nativity <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am) <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Pat, Ann & Denis O’Sullivan RIP <b>Our Lady’s Lamp</b> – Patrick Fleming RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mary & Aidan Dillon RIP	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Peter McGrath (Anniversary)	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Noreen Walsh RIP	
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Laura & Mitchell Fisher (Memorial)	
	3.00 pm	Adoration & Confession	
	4.00 pm	People of the Parish (Vigil Mass)	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Kenneth Wells Richardson (Birthday)	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Marian Creaven	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00 pm	Rosaleen Cullen RIP	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Nirmala Gomes & Benedict RIP	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £385.08</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £161.00 (Church Maintenance)</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Ena Comerford RIP. Reception Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30 pm. Requiem Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 11.00 am.  
Tommy Flynn RIP. Requiem Mass Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 11.00 am  
Michael Sheehan RIP. Funeral Service at Yardley Crematorium, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 1.00 pm  
Jim Deards RIP. Details to follow.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brendan Corbett, Anthony Kennedy, Pauline Doyle, Frank Watson, Francis Logue, William Edwards, James Burns, Mary Lowe, Peter McGrath, Johanna Roberts, Anastatia Adams, Alice Shannon, Michael Maher, Jerry Foley, Martin Doyle, Mary McBrearty, Bridget Quinn, Cornelius Hourihane, Patrick Godfrey, Eugene Carr, Stephan Rubaha, Frank Mulligan, Vincent McCutchen, Bridie Rush, Thomas McMahon, Colette Mulhall, John O’Sullivan, James McLaughlin, Margaret O’Neil, Mary Donnelly, June Ariss, Anne O’Reilly.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O’Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Mary McManamon.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For Prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Crib Collection (Friends of the Holy Land)

**FATHER FRETCH AND THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS** would like to **THANK YOU** all most sincerely for your very generous Christmas collections, gifts, cards and especially your prayers.

**WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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