

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Rhiannon Williams, RIP (F J) George Bowen, RIP (A B) Parish Community
Monday 4 th	10.00am	Mass in Townhill
Tuesday 5 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Helen Clarke, RIP (SVP)
Wednesday 6 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Helen Clarke, RIP (E W) Coffee Morning
Thursday 7 th <i>Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception</i>	7.00pm	Rachael & Gareth Williams & Family, Private Intention (Prayer Group)
Friday 8 th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Funeral Mass	9.30am 11.00am	Mel Davies, RIP Anniversary (J D) Funeral Mass for Colin Plumb
Saturday 9 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	Helen Clarke, RIP (A & T L)
Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Natolie Morris, RIP (C L) Helen Clarke, RIP (M F & L W) Parish Community

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dan Power, Kristyn Thomas, Sam Cronin, Callum Isaac-Clarke.

PARISH YOUNGSTERS' GAMES:

Table Tennis Match: 3rd December Chloe vs Ethan	Table Tennis Match: 17th December Final	Sunday 24th December Prizes
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Table Tennis Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

Chess Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

Scrabble Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher. To register, please get in touch with the priests.

AWAY NOTICE: Fr Michael will be away from 27th November until 7th December.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Our Christmas party will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Saturday 9 December 12pm for 12.30pm NORTON HOUSE.

We need to confirm **the final numbers and menu choices**. Please would all parishioners who have added their names to the list **contact Rose via phone, text or email by 10am Monday to confirm attendance with menu choice and any dietary requirements**.

If for any reason you are no longer able to attend, **please let Rose know**. 078131 57296. Rosiecottle26@gmail.com

£25 for 2 Courses; £30 for 3 Courses (Coffee and mince pies are included).

Starters: Winter Soup / Prawn Cocktail / Ham Hock Terrine / Goats Cheese, Pear, Cranberry Salad / Beetroot & Red Onion Tart.

Mains: Turkey / Orange Glazed Ham / Salmon / Beef / Vegan Lentil Loaf.

Desserts: Christmas Pudding / Chocolate Torte / Apple & Cranberry Crumble / Sticky Toffee Pudding / Sorbet Trio

Full menu in porch or on the website of Norton House Hotel: <https://www.nortonhousehotel.co.uk/>

NATIVITY 2023: We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals are being held in the church, each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass, starting this weekend. Please join us.

10:30AM MASS TEA & COFFEE: Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the porch.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: Don't know what to give family and friends for Christmas this year? Cafod's World Gifts capture the true spirit of Christmas giving. Go to cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: We ask all our parishioners, families, and friends to support our Parish Christmas Raffle. **Please remember to bring your raffle tickets and monies back by 5th December and place in the raffle ticket box in the Church Porch. Alternatively, you can return them to Theresa after the 10.30am Mass, latest next weekend.** This year, we are supporting both the SVP and Maggie's charities. We would be grateful for donation of prizes which can be put in the raffle prize box in the Porch, and may we encourage you to buy and sell as many tickets as you can. Please sign up in the porch to donate a prize. Thank you.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall, so no longer on Zoom. Please join our next meeting at 7pm on **Tuesday 5th December**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 11th December at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 1. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 6th December.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 7th December**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

SECOND COLLECTION: there will be a retiring collection next weekend for **Flowers for Christmas.**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bill Gill, Jimmy Taylor, Janice Jones, Wendy Graham, Maureen Williams, John Mannion, Tony Lane, Jill Griffiths.

FUNERAL OF COLIN PLUMB: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Plumb. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday 8th December at 11.00am. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During **Advent** and **Christmastide**, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees and for Expectant Mothers

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: That people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer programs which value their active participation.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £931

Thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (December 2023)

Friday 8 December 7pm - 8pm	CHRISTMAS CAROLS (WITH AFRICAN RENDITION)	Light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Carols.
Saturday 9 December 1.00pm	PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH (Venue: Norton House Hotel)	£25 per person (£5 deposit). Please sign up in the porch.
Sunday 10 December After 10.30am Mass	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & Youngsters' Tombola	Raffle draws will take place in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS

DATE	TIME	PRIEST(S)
Tuesday December 19 th	10.15am - 11am (after Mass); 6.30pm-7pm	Visiting Priest
Wednesday December 20 th	6.30pm - 7pm (with Hour of Grace)	Fr Jude and a Visiting Priest
Friday December 22 nd	6.30pm - 7pm	2 Visiting Priests

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Sunday December 24 th	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday December 24 th	9.45pm	Christmas Carols
Sunday December 24 th	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 th	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
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