

## 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 Intentions
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (Feast)</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Jones & Daniel Fleming, RIP Anniversary (M J) Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (E T) Parish Community
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</i>	9.30am	Michael Coles, 1 <sup>st</sup> RIP Anniversary (J C)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas</i>	9.30am	Gaye and Bernard Clee, Private Intention (P H)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)</b>	9.30am	Eileen Thomas, Birthday Thanksgiving
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors</i>	7.00pm	Intention of the Akpoghiran family
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (T O'D)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	10.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	John Grant, RIP Anniversary (M G) Parish Community Intention of the donor O/L Lamp: Jackie Rees

**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:** Grace Morgan, Isabella Morgan, Eileen Thomas, Seamus O'Brien, Matthew Kieft, Allan Jones.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual support. Whether you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** As advised by the Archdiocese, Crib offerings this year will go towards the following causes:

*Abroad:* Aid to the Holy Land, through the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and Friends of the Holy Land

*Home:* Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese.

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** On 1st January, the Church throughout the world will celebrate the 58th World Day of Peace. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is 'Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace'.

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE:** The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurated this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole church to celebrate. As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

**PASTORAL LETTER:** A Pastoral Letter by Archbishop Mark O'Toole will be read out at all Masses this weekend.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING:** A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Wednesday Coffee Morning this year – especially the bakers and servers. We have raised over £3,300 for Charity. We will be taking a two-week break over Christmas, so back on January 8th. More helpers are always welcome. Please contact Eileen on 07592 829091 if you are interested.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.** All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 9. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

**HOUR 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 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.**

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry.

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

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** For the respect of the rights of migrants, refugees, and those affected by war.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £986**

**EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:**

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“The message that comes from the Holy Family is first of all a message of faith: the family of Nazareth is a home which truly centres on God. For Mary and Joseph, this choice of faith becomes concrete in their service to the Son of God entrusted to their care, but it is also expressed in their mutual love, rich in spiritual tenderness and fidelity.”

- *St John Paul II, Angelus Message, Sunday, 29 December 1996, Feast of the Holy Family*



**We sincerely thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts this Christmas. Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Blessed New Year. Father Michael, Father Jude, and Monsignor Brian Kinrade.**