

ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Advent - 16th/17th December

4th Sunday of Advent - 23rd/24th December

The Nativity of the Lord - 24th/25th December

The Holy Family - 30th/31st December



MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve

First Mass of Christmas at 6.30 p.m.

(preceded by Carols from 6.00 p.m.)

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

Family Mass of Christmas Day at 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 26th December: Boxing Day

Feast of St. Stephen: **No Weekday Mass**

Wednesday 27th December: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 29th December: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 30th December: The Holy Family

Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 31st December: The Holy Family

Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 1st January: New Year's Day

Mary, Mother of God: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 3rd January: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 5th January: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 6th January: The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 7th January: The Epiphany of the Lord.

Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 8th January: The Baptism of the Lord

Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 10th January: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 12th January: Mass at 10.15 a.m.



**FR. JOHN MARK,
FR. STEPHEN and
DEACON JIM**

wish you all a Happy, Holy
and Peaceful Christmas
and every Blessing for the
New Year

MASSES TO BE SAID

Monday 18th December: The Convill Family

Wednesday 20th December: School Mass

Friday 22nd December: Peggy & Walter Fletcher

Saturday 23rd December: The Parishioners

Sunday 24th December 10.00 a.m. Joan Skingsley

Sunday 24th December 6.30 p.m. Harry & Margaret Best

Monday 25th December: Robert Swan

Tuesday 26th December: No Weekday Mass

Wednesday 27th December: 55th Wedding Anniversary

Friday 29th December: Sheila & David Miller

(61st Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday 30th December: The Parishioners

Sunday 31st December: Margaret Robertson

Monday 1st January: Deacon Jim & Cynthia

Wednesday 3rd January:

Marjorie, George William & Jackie Seed

Friday 5th January: Richard Michael & Kathleen

Haythornthwaite

Saturday 6th January: Ellen McKeever

Sunday 7th January: Rachel Warnock

FEASTS NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 26th December: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Wednesday 27th December: St. John the Evangelist

Thursday 28th December: The Holy Innocents

Friday 29th December: St. Thomas Becket

Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st December: The Holy Family

Monday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God

Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th January:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 8th January: The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Robertson; Joan Skingsley; One-year old boy having a serious operation; Deacon Jim and Cynthia Maguire; Sheila & David Miller 61st Wedding Anniversary; Richard Michael & Kathleen Haythornthwaite; 55th Wedding Anniversary; Ellen McKeever and Rachel Warnock.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £495.00

Mass Attendances: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 30

Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 110

We would be grateful for donations towards the cost of flowers for decorating our church during this Christmas season

LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies' Group will meet in St. Gregory's Club on Tuesday 19th December at 2.00 p.m. for afternoon tea. Please let Clare know if you cannot attend.

POSTAGE STAMPS COLLECTION

Would you please save your used postage stamps, (ensuring there is a border of envelope all around the stamp) as we can send them to CAFOD after Christmas to raise funds for them.

READINGS THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS TIME

Tuesday 26 th	St. Stephen Acts/Apostles 6 vv 8-10 and 7 vv 54-59	Matthew 10 vv 17-22
Wednesday 27 th	St. John the Evangelist John 1 v 1-4	John 20 vv 2-8
Thursday 28 th	The Holy Innocents John 1 vv 5-22	Matthew 2 vv 13-18
Friday 29 th	St. Thomas Becket Timothy 2 vv 8-13	Matthew 16 vv 24-27
Monday 1 st	Mary, Mother of God John 2 v 22-28	John 1 vv 19-28
Tuesday 2 nd	John 2 vv 29-36	John 1 vv 29-34
Wednesday 3 rd	John 3 vv 7-10	John 1 vv 35-42
Friday 5 th	John 3 vv 11-21	John 1 vv 43-51
Sunday/Monday 24 th /25 th December	The Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 52 vv 7-10 Paul/Hebrews 1 vv 1-6 John 1 vv 1-18
Saturday/Sunday 30 th /31 st December	The Holy Family	Numbers 6 vv 22-27 Paul/Galatians 4 vv 4-7 Luke 2 vv 16-21
Saturday/Sunday 6 th /7 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 42 vv 1-4, 6-7 Acts/Apostles 10 vv 34-38 Matthew 3 vv 13-17
Monday 8 th	The Baptism of the Lord	
Isaiah 4 vv 1-4, 6-7 Acts/Apostles 10 vv 34-38 Mark 7 vv 1-11		



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerrard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and

Madden Families, John Allen, Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Cynthia Maguire, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Jordan and all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

For all who are battling the Coronavirus and those risking their own lives and safety to care for them
Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently; for Joan Skingsley, Margaret Robertson, Kathleen Haythornthwaite and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. They are desperate for tinned and dried food (but not pasta and cereals). Also welcome are tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat and anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. There is a box at the back of church.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23RD TO 30TH JULY

An invitation is issued by Bishop Paul to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris so will set off on 22nd July and return on 31st July.

OWING TO THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD the next Newsletter will be for the weekend of 6th/7th January. Items for inclusion should be submitted by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 3rd January either by posting them through the letter box of the Parish House or by e-mail to marianvaughn362@gmail.com.