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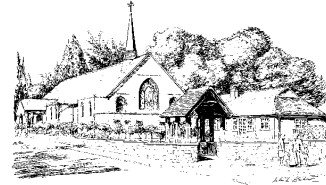
**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

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Sat 21 Dec <i>O Oriens</i>	3.00 pm	HF	Carol Service	
	5.30 pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Tony Wagstaff (RIP)</i>
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b>	9.15 am	HF	Mass	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	11.00 am	HA	Mass	<i>Dick Brennan</i>
Mon 23 Dec <i>O Emmanuel</i>	NO MASS			
Tue 24 Dec <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b>	
	<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>Carols before Mass</b>	
	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<i>Fr Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
<b>Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	
Thur 26 Dec <i>St Stephen , First Martyr</i>	9.30am	HA	Mass	
Fri 27 Dec <i>St John Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>	9.30am	HA	Mass	
Sat 28 Dec <i>O Oriens</i>	5.00pm	HA	Confession	
	5.30 pm	HA	Mass	<i>Joe Boyce (RIP 9<sup>th</sup> aniv) &amp; his family</i>
<b>Sun 29 Dec</b>	9.15 am	HF	Mass	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
<b>The Holy Family</b>	11.00am	HA		<i>Timothy Joyce (RIP)</i>
<b>Mon 30 December to Fri 3 January</b>	No Mass			
Sat 4 January <i>O Oriens</i>	5.30 pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>The Holy Year of Jubilee 2025 – hope for the New Year</i>
<b>Sunday 5 January</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Bidget Tharian (RIP 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)</i>

FR ROBIN AND DEACON JOHN WISH  
 ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS  
 A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

*A very special thank you to everyone who has worked so hard both to prepare our churches for this wonderful feast.*

**Crib Collection**

*Please make a visit to the Christmas Crib – and pray for all families who are struggling at this time of year.  
 Our Crib Collection goes to the  
 Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund*

### Christmas Offertory Collection

*Although the tradition that the Christmas offertory collection is given to the parish priest as a thank you for his ministry does not apply directly at our churches it is of course open to parishioners to make an increased offering at Christmas to support their parish church for the coming year.*

*[As a married priest Fr Robin donates the Christmas offertory to the parish to offset the costs of supporting him and his family.]*

*At this time of year we are particularly aware of the generous love of God and one of the ways we can give a birthday present to Jesus is through our giving.*

*The offertory basket will of course be available before and after Mass, but do not forget the Dona machine which includes a special button for Christmas offering which will be available until the end of the Christmas season.*

### NOTICES

#### Our Advent Group to help us develop our Personal Prayer Life

Continues this Sunday 21 Dec 3.30pm at Holy Angels & online.

*This Weeks - Lectio Divina.*

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

##### AT HOLY FAMILY

##### **Christmas Eve 5.pm**

Family Mass with Crib blessing. Children invited to dress up.

##### **Christmas Day 9.15am**

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

##### AT HOLY ANGELS

##### **Christmas Eve 10.30pm**

Nine Lessons Readings and Carol Service from 10.30pm with the Midnight Mass at 11.00pm.

##### **Christmas Day 11.00am**

#### Christmas Carol Service

##### at Holy Family

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 3.00pm

#### Epiphany Carol Service

##### (International)

##### at Holy Angels

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 5.00pm

**Throughout Advent we will be offering Children's liturgy at every 11am Mass on Sundays.**

#### Holy Angels is 90Years Old!

Not quite a Centenary, but Holy Angels Church was opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2034. To celebrate this we are asking people to consider making 90 gifts to Support the Step by Step Charity which supports homeless young

people.

Either financial gifts can be made to them directly

<https://www.stepbystep.org.uk/opendoors/>

or you can leave gifts of toiletries here at the church.

Deodorant, toothpaste, shower gel especially.

When you do so please put one of the Christmas tree shapes on the larger tree shape by the font. So we can give thanks for our lovely church.

As Christians we are particularly sensitive at Christmas to those not able to be in their own home at Christmas – especially as we celebrate our own beautiful Christian home.

Our New Lectionaries are another way you may want to celebrate the life of our Church. Again please put a tree shape up to celebrate our church and community.

#### **“Baby and toddler group at Holy Angels**

We are starting a group for parents and carers of babies and toddlers to meet together after Friday morning mass on the second Friday of the month

Come along on - Friday 10th January 2025 for a coffee and some company, all welcome!”

#### **A New Year's Resolution.**

I have found great blessing in following the Catechism in a year podcast this year. Perhaps especially in these final of the year as I am reading through the section on prayer which contains wonderful and simple wisdom on prayer.

*2743 It is always possible to pray: the time of the Christian is that of the risen Christ who is with us always, no matter what tempests may arise.<sup>26</sup> Our time is in the hands of God:*

*It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, . . . while buying or selling, . . . or even while cooking.<sup>27</sup>*

*2744 Prayer is a vital necessity. Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin. . .*

*Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy. . . . For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin. . . .*

*2745 Prayer and Christian life are inseparable. . . .*

If you have not yet tried these podcasts they make an excellent New Year's Resolution. This year there is a new one encouraging us to take up the Rosary fruitfully.

Rosary in a Year

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup>

Catechism in a year

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

Bible in a year:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>