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THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEEK COMMENCING 21st December 2025 - YEAR A

Saturday 20th 9.30am 10.00am 5.00pm	**FERIA** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary* *Holy Mass-* Nora McLaughlin Christmas prayers *Holy Mass -* Stephen Kelliher-RIP-5th Anniversary
Sunday 21st 8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 12.00pm	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Holy Mass* –People of the Parish *Holy Mass* – Patrick Purcell RIP Coffee and Tea – Church Hall *Holy Mass-* Patrick and James Walsh RIP 14th&4th anniversary
Monday 22nd	**NO MASS**
Tuesday 23rd 9.30am 10.00am	**FERIA** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary* *Holy Mass – P Gillen RIP*
Wednesday 24th 9.30am 10.00am 5:00 pm 12:00 pm	**CHRISTMAS EVE** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary* *Holy Mass* – Jony Flood & Bridy Flood & Jeremiah Nolan RIP *Holy Mass- First mass of Christmas- Children's mass-* Victor Salguero, James Garcia Olga & Stevenson RIP *Midnight Mass- People of The Parish*
Thursday 25th 8.30am 10.00am 12.00pm	**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** *Holy Mass* –People of the Parish *Holy Mass* – John Howard-RIP *Holy Mass* Timmy &Connie Murphy -Christmas Prayers
Friday 26th 9.30 am 10.00am 10.30 am	**Feast of St Stephen Patron Saint of Altar servers** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary* *Holy Mass – Regina* Rajathy Alphonse RIP anniversary Coffee and Tea – Sacristy
Saturday 27th 9.30am 10.00am 5.00pm	**St John The Apostle & Evangelist** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary* *Holy Mass- Catherine McGrath RIP* *Holy Mass - Patrick McKarthy RIP*
Sunday 28th 8:30 am 10.00am 11.00am 12.00pm	**The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph** *Holy Mass* –People of the Parish *Holy Mass* – Binnie Stack RIP Coffee and Tea – Church Hall *Holy Mass- Mary J Handscomb RIP Family Tree*

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Burning this week for: Catherine McKenna- birthday intention
ALL Requests via the sacristy, recommended donation £10

With grateful thanks for the generosity of our Parishioners and Visitors our collection for last Sunday

1ST Collection: £430.70
Maintenance: £74.80
TOTAL: £505.50

May Our Lord reward you for your kind generosity

CONFESSION

Tuesday – Friday – 9am-10am Holy Mass
Saturday – After 10am Holy Mass and 4.30pm-4.50pm

From the Arch Bishop's Christmas Message

In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: "The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him".

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Christmas Envelopes: Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the Church. These are for your gifts to the priests of our Parish at Christmas. It is this money, together with the Easter collection which makes up our annual salary as priests. Many thanks!

Celebration Of Our Patron Saint: All altar servers are required to attend the celebration of our patron saint, St. Stephen, **on December 26th**. During the service, servers will be formally enrolled into the Guild. This ceremony includes making the Guild promise and the presentation of their medals. Please ensure your child attends this important milestone without fail.

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Message: from Father Sebastian

At Christmas, we celebrate the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation, where the Word of God became flesh to dwell among us. By becoming human, Jesus has made the invisible God visible, allowing us to touch, listen to, and encounter Divine Love in our daily lives. As we look to the crib, let us commit to rejecting hatred and carrying the light of Christ into a world that eagerly waits for the witness of God's children. This Christmas marks my first in the parish and I am greatly thankful to our Lord for His love and blessings. We are immensely grateful for our wonderful parish and all our volunteers: our Permanent Deacons, our Gift Aid coordinator, our Safeguarding representative, our Parish Council Secretary, and all who help us. I want to offer a deep word of thanks to all those who work hard in various ministries: our catechists, lectors, altar servers, collectors and counters, music teams, those who prepare teas and coffees, cleaning volunteers, florists, and Eucharistic ministers. A big thank you for your faithful dedication and service to the Lord in our church. Thank you all, dear parishioners for your exceptionally warm welcome into this parish family. As we celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus the Lord with us, Emmanuel we pray that His grace fills your homes with peace and joy. A Merry Christmas to all. May our Good Lord always be with our entire parish community!