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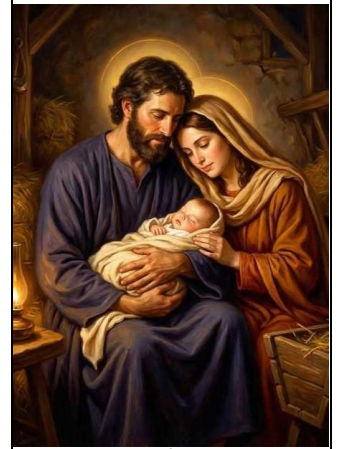
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**Nº:234216**



DATE

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

SUNDAY

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph<sup>Feast</sup>**  
**Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

From the Feast of & Common of the B V Mary

**Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.**

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St John</b> <small>Apostle, Evangelist</small> <sup>Feast</sup> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm	<i>No Morning Mass, No Confession or Benediction</i> Alice & John Murphy <small>RIP</small> <sup>(SW)</sup>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> <sup>Feast</sup>	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St Thomas Becket</b> <small>Bishop, Martyr</small> <sup>Feast</sup>		<b>No Services Today</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	9:15am	Dominic Chapman <small>RIP</small> <sup>(GM)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	9:15am	Int. of David Goodwin <sup>(DM)</sup>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</b> <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> <small>Solemnity</small>	9:30am 5:00pm	Private Intention Int. Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b> <b>St Basil the Great &amp; St Nazianzen</b> <small>Bishops, Doctors of the Church</small> <sup>Memorial</sup>	9:15am	Int. of James & Phyliss Malone <sup>(FS)</sup>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026</b> <b>Christmas Feria</b> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	People of the Parish Confessions & Benediction Adam Cartlidge <small>RIP</small> <sup>(P&amp;A)</sup>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> Mary O'Connell <small>RIP</small> <sup>(SK)</sup>

## Pope Leo

In the Nativity scene, popular imagination has often inserted many figures drawn from daily life, populating the space around the grotto. They remind us that all our activities; all our daily occupations acquire their full meaning within God's plan, which has its centre in Jesus Christ.

### The CaFOD Prayer

Feast of the Holy Family

# CAFOD

Lord, we pray that the model you have given us in your Holy Family may transform all our families.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Hayes Senior** upon whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

### The Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes for Children not at Catholic Schools:

Our Holy Communion Classes and Confirmation <sup>4th Jan</sup> **continue** straight after Sunday Mass. For further details, please contact our Parish Catechist:

**Mrs Philomena Mullins**

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### Crib Collection

The logo for LEPRA, featuring the word "lepra" in a lowercase, rounded, teal font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a person's head and shoulders in profile, colored in shades of teal and yellow.

Health. Inclusion. Innovation.

Our Crib Collection this year is in aid of **LEPRA**. Your generous donations will be much appreciated.

<https://www.lepra.org.uk/what-we-do>

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for December is - For Christians in areas of Conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### Rosary for the Unborn

There will be no Rosary on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January**, the feast of Mary, Mother of God, **we pray the Rosary at home for the protection of all babies in the womb and for their families.** The intention for January is: **for families that they are supported and remain open to the gift of life.**

### Sick in the Parish

Please pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Sheila Brayford, Geraldine Frith, Andrew Mather, Ann Watson, Anne Mitchell, Maureen Patton, Maureen Carr, Shaun Smith, Kathleen 'Frankie' Smith, Sheila Plimer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, Jean Watson, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan née Meehan, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

### Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: [sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

All electrical appliances brought into church must be PAT tested (Portable Appliance Tested). If the electrical appliance brought in is brand new, then those brand new items will be tested next year in November. Thank you, Phil P.<sup>3</sup>

### SMA Choir

If you enjoy singing the hymns at Mass on Sunday morning, **have you thought about joining the Choir?** If you want more information please come upstairs to the Choir loft for a chat before or after Sunday's 9.30 am Mass, **(when the Choir is singing).**

**Maureen D**

### Could you be a Lourdes Healthcare Volunteer?

Are you a **doctor, nurse or carer?** Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next years Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you're a Healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrim Pack and an application form, please visit:-

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

### S. V. P.



The **SVP Conference** would like to thank everyone for the collection of **£462.26**. A Mass will be said for all our benefactors. God Bless

### RCIA Growing the Faith

Our weekly **R.C.I.A** is taking a rest for the Christmas holidays. Our next meeting is at 7:00 to 8:30pm on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, when **All are welcome**; those already Catholics wanting to know more about the faith and those who want to become Catholics. That session will be entitled **Natural Law and the Ten Commandments.**

### Whetstone Over 50s


Our next meeting will be at 2:00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. We will be having a **fun quiz.**

### Craft and Natter



We are closed for Christmas until **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 11am**; when, as usual, everyone is welcome. We will be hoping to make things for the next parish event, come and see what we are up to, **just £1 a visit** and all the drinks you can manage, for more information call me, **Christine on 07900 604902.**

### Rosary

There will be no Rosary held on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**. Rosary will continue as usual on all our other normal days 

## Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform **Fr. Ramesh** directly in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.



## Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels, please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html> - Here you can complete a '**Baptism Enquiry Form**'. The next available date for Baptism Preparation is:

**7:00pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**7:00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 27<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

<b><u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Shelagh G & Jonathan G
	<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh & Pat
	<b><sup>EO Euch.</sup> Ministers</b>	Anne C & Bernadette D
<b><u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rossella B & Helen C
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Sianna & Louis
	<b><sup>EO Euch.</sup> Ministers</b>	Katie & Sue <sup>Musicians</sup> Phil P

### Duties During the Week: 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 – 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2026

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team B
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Anne H

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 3<sup>RD</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

<b><u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Cathy S
	<b><sup>EO Euch.</sup> Ministers</b>	Jonathan G & Ann T
<b><u>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</u></b>	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Helen A & Elaine A
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Catherine A & Mark H
	<b><sup>EO Euch.</sup> Ministers</b>	Katie & Janet <sup>Musicians</sup> Catherine C
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Mary & Don H, Annie G	

**Reflection:** The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy – the Sacrament of Holy Orders (priesthood), and the Sacrament of Matrimony (marriage). Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of Matrimony, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish church through the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

**God bless you all.**