



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

20-21 Dec



27-28 Dec

BREAD OF LIFE
DELIVERER
IMMANUEL
GOD WITH US
MIGHTY ONE
ALPHA
OMEGA
Lamb of God
HOLY ONE
OUR PEACE
JESUS
CHRIST
KING OF KINGS
BELOVED SON
LORD OF LORDS
GOOD SHEPHERD
THE WAY THE TRUTH THE LIFE
PRINCE OF PEACE
REDEEMER
SAVIOR
WORD OF GOD
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
MIGHTY GOD
EVERLASTING FATHER
LION OF JUDAH
MESSIAH

3-4 Jan



Christmas Mass Times 2025

Wednesday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm
Christmas Carols 7.30pm
Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm

Thursday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am
Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

Confessions

Mon 22nd Dec after Mass up to 10.30am
Tues 23rd Dec after Mass up to 10.30am
Wed 24th Dec 4.30pm before 5pm Mass
Wed 24th Dec 7.30pm before 8pm Mass

Mgr. Keith Newton will be principal celebrant for the 8pm Mass of Christmas Night.

This newsletter covers three weeks and will only be printed once. Please keep your copy or refer to the website for Mass intentions.

Christmas Eve Nativity

There will be a children's nativity during the 5pm mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to take part, please bring them to church at 4pm dressed in a costume (for a nativity character!) of their choice. If any older children would be willing to read, please speak to James Mulligan after mass or email james_mulligan94@hotmail.co.uk.

Christmas Offering



The Christmas offering traditionally goes to the parish priest. Please take an envelope home with you and return it over any of the Christmas Masses. Also available on the contactless machine.

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Thank you

I would just like to say thank you and goodbye. I have loved working at Our Lady & St Annes over the last 10 years and have made many friends. It now feels like my second parish. Thank you for all your kindnesses. Lis

First Holy Communion Preparation 2026

- Classes begin Wed 14th Jan 2026, 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Cenacle.
- First Holy Communion Mass 10am on 7th June 2026



FLOWER FUND

A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses from up to Christmas. Many thanks for your generosity.



Thursday Tea/Coffee

Thursday tea/coffee will resume on Thursday 8th January. Everybody welcome.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP in partnership with the



Weller Centre will be collecting selection boxes and Christmassy food treats during advent.

These items will be distributed in our local community to support families who are experiencing financial hardship.

Please put one extra item in your shopping and put a smile on the face of a child who would normally go without.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Office closure Office closed 19th Dec – 13th January.

Parish Administrator Update

As you are all aware, Lis is retiring at the end of the year. I'm pleased to announce that, following interviews, an appointment has been made. The successful candidate will be starting in mid- January. More information will follow in the new year. Please note, Lis' last day in the office will be Thurs. 18th December. We are planning to have a farewell gathering to thank her for all her service in the new year. All parishioners welcome to attend and more information will be in the newsletter in January.

200 Club Christmas Draw

There is both a December 200 draw and the annual Christmas draw to look forward to .

Weekly income 6-7/13-14 December

Contactless:	£239.00	£226.00
Loose plate	£274.80	£153.35
Building Fund	£40.00	
Candles		£ 5.00
Cenacle	£10.00	
Flowers		£13.00
Shrine		£10.00

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

Chaperoning at 10am Sunday

There is always an additional adult with the servers before and after Mass. The

Sunday morning team needs more volunteers. The role does require a DBS

check. If you think you could help,

please email

sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk

for more information.

Sanctuary Ceiling & Stars

During January the work to repaint the sanctuary ceiling will take place commencing 7th Jan and will take approximately 4 weeks. There will be no disruption to masses which will take place as normal during that time. Sanctuary Stars will be available at the Christmas masses. A suggested donation of £50 per star. In memory of, or as a dedication to, a loved one.

Fourth Week of Advent Mass intentions

Saturday 20 th Dec	4.30pm	Confessions
	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday 21 st Dec	10.00am	Deceased of the Lloyd family
Monday 22 nd December	9.15am	
	Up to 10.30am	Confessions
Tuesday 23 rd December	9.15am	
	Up to 10.30am	Confessions
Wednesday 24 th December [Christmas Eve]	No morning Mass	
	4.30pm	Confessions
	5.00pm	Alma Goolimali RIP
	7.30pm	Confessions
	8.00pm	Fr Tom Meagher RIP
Mass of Christmas Night		
Thursday 25 th December		
Mass of Christmas Dawn	8.00am	
Mass of Christmas Day	10.00am	People of the parish
Friday 26 th December	10.00am	

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Mass intentions

Feast of the Holy Family YA

Sat 27th Dec 4.45pm Confessions

5.30pm People of parish

Sun 28th Dec 10.00am Sick of parish & those living with a disability

Mon 29th Dec 10am

Tues 30th Dec 10am

Wed 31st Dec 10am

Thurs 1st Jan 10am

Fri 2nd Jan 12 noon Ian Macdonald RIP
[no soup]

Second Sunday of Christmas YA

Sat 3rd Jan 4.45pm Confessions

5.30pm James Joseph
O'Brien RIP

Sun 4th Jan 10am People of parish

Mon 5th Jan 6.30pm

[Vigil for Epiphany]

Tues 6th Jan 9.15am

[Epiphany of the Lord] 7.30pm

Wed 7th Jan 9.15am

Thurs 8th Jan 6.30pm

Friday 9th Jan 9.15am

Baptism of the Lord YA

Sat 10th Jan 5.30pm Malcolm Pearce RIP

Sun 11th Jan 10.00am People of parish

Mon 12th Jan 9.15am

Tues 13th Jan No Mass

Wed 14th Jan 6.30pm

Thurs 15th Jan 9.15am Neville O'Farrell RIP

Fri 16th Jan 9.15am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 17th Jan 4.45pm Confessions

5.30pm People of parish

Sun 18th Jan 10am

OUR LADY'S LAMP



Sat 20th December For Thomas and Gracy's wedding anniversary

Sat 27th December Ian Macdonald RIP

Saturday 3rd January No dedication

Saturday 10th January Malcolm Pearce RIP

Please keep them in your prayers.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Sue Houghton** and **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.