



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



HOLY FAMILY

29th December 2024



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is in the human family. God sets before us the human Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.

Happy New Year - whatever you are doing Wednesday. The 1st January is the *Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*. It's one of the definitions of Mary that all Christians (should) hold. Start the New Year well, by coming to Mass and committing 2025 to our Lady. Mass at 11.00

A very big **'thank you'** to everyone who made (and is making) our Christmas celebration so special. A lot of hard work goes on which is unseen and unnoticed. God sees, and God notices. *Thank you indeed.*

FrC thanks everyone who sent cards, greetings and gifts this Christmas. Your generosity and love is very much appreciated. *Thank you!*

Christmas Gifts! We often give gifts to others, but have you ever thought about buying something for Church? The FrC always has a *wish-list!*

Epiphany of the Lord is next Sunday when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi (the wise men). They revealed to the world who Jesus is: the Christ who was to come.

The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Door in Rome on Christmas Day and so begun this Jubilee Year of Hope. Various events in the year are scheduled.



The Archbishop in his Christmas message said in a divided world, filled with conflict, it can be tempting to lose hope. But in times of darkness, division and pain "we must turn to our one, great living hope - the Lord Jesus. In Him, and in His message of Good News, we see the possibility of a different and better world". Looking ahead to next year, the Archbishop encourages us to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration, as prayer, he said, "is the most active expression of our love and hope. And there is no more hopeful and active prayer than when we place ourselves before the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Jesus. You can watch it here: tinyurl.com/Christmasmessage2024

Walsingham Mass on Saturday this week.

Organ recital series continues on the first Saturday this week, with Richard Pinel of St Mary's Bourne Street. 12.30

N'Goran Lael-Jireh is extended a warm welcome today together with his parents and friends. He's to become a Christian today!

Mass times this week continue to be slightly altered as it's still the holiday season. Daily Mass at 10.00 apart from New Year's Day, when there's a lie-in: Mass at 11.00

Christmas Offering can be made using the envelopes at the back; or the paystation, or on -line. Thank you for your generosity.



Jubilee Year of Hope

“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the *yobel*, the ram’s horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn’t easy to organize, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus’ mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God’s holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been “extraordinary” Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God
1st January

Solemn Mass
11.00am



Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and
love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to
live with thee there



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from the Archbishop
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Mon & Tue 10.00

New Year's Day 11.00

Thurs & Fri 10.00

Sat 10.30

Sun 09.30 & 11.00

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday HOLY FAMILY	09.30 11.00	Daniel Jacobs Parishioners
Mon 30th sixth day	10.00	Holy Souls ✕
Tue 31st seventh day	10.00	All who died in 2024 ✕
Wed 1st MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	11.00	God's blessing on 2025
Thurs 2nd <i>Sts Basil & Gregory</i>	10.00	Collette Mulholland
Fri 3rd <i>(Holy Name of Jesus)</i>	10.00	Terry Kelly ✕
Sat 4th <i>of Christmas</i>	10.30†	DG to OLV
Next Sunday EPIPHANY	09.30 11.00	Jim Powell ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Sacrament of Confession. *at request*

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £754.00 (*cash £142.00; card £72.00; standing orders £540*)

Christmas Off **£1,180.00** (*cash £545.50; card £454.50; standing orders £180*)

Crib offering **£65.00** (*cash £00.00; card £65.00*)

Thank you!

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for January 2025: *For the right to an education*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip Gerlomes OP .

Becoming Christian: N'Goran Lael-Jireh

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Hermon, Amaogechi,

Recently Departed: Giuseppina Torri, Joseph Forbes, David Barnes *priest*

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