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**Times of Masses and other Services: Fourth Sunday of the Advent: A.**

**Fourth Week of Advent: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)**

<p><b>V</b> <u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December:</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Mary)</p>	<p><b>PARISH FINANCES</b> 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025</p>
<p><b>V</b> <u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David T Morgans Jnr. RIP (11th Anniv) (Harvey) 6:00 pm: Reception; Sally Spowage RIP</p>	<p>Envelopes: £ 237. 00 Loose Plate: £ 246. 35 S / Orders: £ 475. 70 <b>TOTAL: £ 959. 05</b></p>
<p><b>V</b> <u>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:</u> <i>Advent FERIA</i> 12:00 pm: Requiem Mass; Sally Spowage RIP</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p><b>V</b> <u>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:</u> <i>Advent FERIA</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of John Bayley (Curtis)</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>
<p><b>V</b> <u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:</u> <i>Advent FERIA</i> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b></p>	
<p><b>Christmastide</b></p>	
<p><b>W</b> <u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:</u> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> 4:00 pm: Vigil Mass; Intentions of Charlie Farmer (Rosary Group) 6:30 pm: Vigil Mass (St Francis); Patrick Joyce 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday (Willis)</p>	
<p><b>W</b> <u>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December:</u> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> 12:00 am: Midnight Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 9:00 am: Mass; Peace on Earth (Evans) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mary – Anne Barrett RIP (Willis)</p>	
<p><b>R</b> <u>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December:</u> <i>St Stephen, Protomartyr (Feast)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Sally Spowage RIP (O'Connor)</p>	

**SUNDAY MISSALS** (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 42 ff)

**CHRISTMAS READINGS** (Vigil pp 81 ff; Midnight pp 86 ff; Dawn pp 91 ff; Day pp 94 ff)

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## Times of Masses and other Services: the Holy Family: A.

First Week of Christmastide: 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

**W** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December: *The Holy Family (Feast)*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; John Green RIP (Anniversary) (Sully)

**W** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: *The Holy Family (Feast)*

9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Monsignor David Forde RIP (Curtis)

**R** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December: *St Thomas of Canterbury (Becket)  
Bishop & Martyr (Feast)*

10:00 am: Mass; Louise Aldred RIP (David)

**W** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December: *6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Danny Doherty RIP (Sean)

**W** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December: *7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas*

10:00 am: Mass; Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)

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**W** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January: *Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
(Solemnity) SUNDAY MISSALS pp 111 ff*

11:00 am: Mass; John Frederick Dixon RIP

**W** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: *SS Basil the Great & Gregory of  
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors  
(memoria)*

10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls

**W** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: *Second Sunday after Christmas*

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; The Loreto Community (Breame)

**W** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January: *Second Sunday after Christmas*

9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Hugh Curtis RIP



### Christmas Donations

The Christmas Tree is now in Church and as we normally do, we will use this opportunity for giving donations to our local Homeless Charities. If you can spare any tinned goods and dry non – perishable items of food, such as rice and pasta, which can be left under the tree, as well as items such as pot noodle and cup a soups and other instant foods, which only require adding boiling water, these would be really useful. Also any toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves or socks. Any donations will be distributed to our local Charities after Christmas as well as any Crib Offerings after Christmas.

**SUNDAY MISSALS** (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 116 ff)

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Sally Jane Spowage*, formerly of Haddon Crescent, Beeston who died on *Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025* aged 85 years. Sally will be received into Church on *Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025* at *6:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025* at *12 noon* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time May they all rest in peace.

**“PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL: TOWARDS AN ‘UNARMED AND DISARMING’ PEACE”** The theme of Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the World Day of Peace (1<sup>st</sup> January 2026) invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic. The greeting of the Risen Christ, “Peace be with you” (*John 20:19*), is an invitation addressed to everyone – believers, non – believers, political leaders and citizens – to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future.

**BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS:** Calling all Cleaning Teams and anyone else who would like to help, we will be cleaning the Church ready for Christmas on *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025* from *10:30 am*. Please do come along if you can and make our Church extra clean for the Christmas Season. Thank you. – *Marie*