SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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✞ **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH** ✞ **(Mass Book Page 106)**

28th December 2025

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 9:15am

Saturday Mass 10:00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:30pm(Vigil (Sun)
Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am
12.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm
or by arrangement

Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm

Church Opening times:

Mon – Fri 8am - 3pm
Sat 8am –7.30pm
Sun 8am - 1.30pm

Registered Charity No 233699

Parish Office Opening times: 9am to 1pm on Monday - Thursday only, closed on Friday

Parish Priest
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Liturgy & Mass Intentions

Sat 27th December ST JOHN Apostle and Evangelist Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Sean & Maureen O'Toole (RIP) Jane & Family (Int)
Sun 28th December + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9am 10.30am 12pm	Michael Reilly (RIP - 3rd Anniv) Margaret Fitzgerald RIP Pro Populo
Mon 29th December ST THOMAS BECKETT Bishop & Martyrs	9.15am	Frances Conway (RIP)
Tue 30th December Sixth day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9.15am	All the Deceased Members of the Dophon Family (RIP)
Weds 31st December Seventh day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9.15am	Phil & Jim (Get Well)
Thurs 1st January + SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	10am	Patrick & Rita O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri 2nd January Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	9.15am	Tom & Mary Durack (RIP)
Sat 3rd January Christmas Feria	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Frances Conway (RIP) Teresa O'Connor (RIP)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH: It is tradition to celebrate the solemn feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth on the Sunday immediately following our celebrations of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life in the light of the Church's 'First Family'. While the Holy Family is often considered a unit unto itself, throughout their earthly lives, Mary, Joseph and Jesus encountered many people and doubtless looked to some for support and guidance. At the temple, Anna and Simeon joined Mary and Joseph in rejoicing at the child's birth, and also in anticipating the trajectory of his life and his role within the history of salvation as a light for the revelation to the gentiles and glory for God's holy people –Israel. As part of the Body of Christ, we are also members of the Holy Family of God. At times our role might be to tend the young, the sick, or the elderly in our own biological family units. At other times, we might be privileged to offer support to a young or struggling family. May the Holy Family of Nazareth intercede for us. Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Pray for us. **Fr Chinedu**

Announcements

FINANCE: Thank you all very much indeed for your ongoing support to the Parish. If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Cricklewood**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **01308181**

Reference: **Surname and First Initial**

Or use our contactless card machine in the Church or Scan the QR Code. THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IS BY STANDING ORDER, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or contact the parish office to collect a form. **If you pay UK tax, you can add 25% to your donation with Gift Aid.**

PLANNED GIVING/STANDING ORDER: To maximise our income and help to pay for the daily running of the Church and Parish, we would encourage those of you who are not already members of our Planned Giving scheme to join – application cards are available at the Parish Office. Contributions can be made using weekly envelopes or by Standing Order – which is more efficient for both the Donor and the Parish. Standing Order Forms are also available in the Office. Thank you for your generosity.

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HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR: The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem represents the victory of light over darkness, joy over sadness, hope over despair, love over hatred, peace over conflict, gratitude over misery, obedience over disobedience, and order over chaos. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, son of Mary, brings profound goodness to our world – each year and all year. And it happened because Mary and Joseph listened for God's direction in their lives, and were open to God's prompting.

The scripture passages we read during the Advent days of preparation tell us that both Mary and Joseph were told of "God's plan" – Mary by an angel, Joseph in a dream – and while they did not fully comprehend, they opened themselves completely and cooperated with God's will. That obedience changed their lives – and ours – forever!

We do everything to proclaim the Christmas message well: Christmas music; Christmas décor; Christmas gifts; Christmas food. It is all about love and goodness – which is the heart of Christ's saving message to us. May all of us, like Mary and Joseph, listen for God's direction in our lives and be open to God's prompting so that we may experience the love of Christ at Christmas! We pray and hope that these Christmas days will bring us the happiness and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may we share that Christmas gift with others every day by word and deed. I wish all of you going away over the Christmas period safe travel and come back safely to us. Thank you for your kind cards, greetings and generous offerings. May God, bestow on you a Christmas of deep communion and sharing in the warmth of God's love with the members of your family and your friends and a 2026 filled with his graces and blessings. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr Chinedu Udo (Parish Priest)

CRIB DONATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: From now until Candlemas all donations for the Crib will be given to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Offerings for this may be placed in the candle box underneath the statue of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more information visit - www.cathchild.org.uk

UPCOMING FUNERALS IN THE PARISH:

Please pray for the peaceful repose of souls of those recently passed away. May they rest in peace**.**

***Patrick Smyth RIP - Monday 5th January, 6pm.**

***Nora Doherty RIP - Wednesday 7th January, 7pm.**

***Pat Hampton RIP - Monday 29th December, 12.30pm at St Peter and All Souls Church, Geneva Street, PE1 2RS.**

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

