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**Confessions: Tues to Fri at 12noon before Mass**

**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm**

**Thu 6pm**

**Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am**

**EXTENDED TIME OF CONFESSION AND ADORATION From 2pm to 4pm on Sat 13th December.  
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon to Fri during Advent from 6:30am to 7:30am. Everyone is welcome!**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2025**



**"They were baptized by John in the river Jordan, confessing their sins."** Matthew 3:6

*Prepare to celebrate His Coming!*

At any moment of any day Christ may return, we may die or He may want to bless us. We are called to be prepared.

**Extended time of Confessions and Adoration**

Saturday 13th December from 2pm to 4pm.

**Morning Prayer of the Church in the Crypt:**

Monday to Friday 6:30am to 7:30am.

**Praying with the Scriptures for Advent.**

Meeting every Wednesday of Advent

10:30 am in St Charles' Crypt.

**Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

At 6pm & 8pm



**Preparing for Marriage** at St Charles Borromeo: 8 sessions at 8pm on Thursdays 22nd, 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26nd February, 5th, 12th March and an all-day retreat on Saturday 21st March. The course is free but we expect people to register their interest at: [oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk)

**SIMBANG GABI NEXT SUNDAY** Everyone is welcome to join our Christmas Filipino Mass on 14th December at 2pm and/or to enjoy sharing food and drink immediately after in the Crypt. Raffle tickets will be available after Sunday masses.

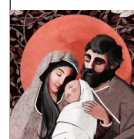
We thank **Fr Aloyce** for supplying for us this Sunday.

### **Mass Schedule**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> December	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9am C White wellbeing
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT A	11am Pro Populo
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm E. Kavanagh RIP
IMMACULATE CONCEP.	8:00pm Carlos Quinto Intent.
Tue 9th December	12:30pm Mr Precioush RIP
Wed 10th December	12:30pm Amodio Falato RIP
St Francis Xavier	
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> December	12:30pm Anne & Tom Munnely RIP
	6pm Marybel De Sousa
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> December	12:30pm Mr Bradie RIP

See leaflet "**Advent 2025**" for children activities in our parish this Advent.

### **Christmas Retreat The Birth of Salvation**



*Christ saves by grace through faith for works.*

*Praying and experiencing salvation with the Holy Family.*

**Sat 27th Dec 11am to 4pm**

at St Charles Borromeo, Ogle Street.

Please register your interest at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/oglestreet/events/christmas-retreat-the-birth-of-salvation/>

Join our WhatsApp group to find the hymns to be sung on Sunday.



# The Church, like a mother...



*Beloved,*

Tommaso Gattari, the third of four children, was 27 years old; finishing his master's degree in Computer Engineering; had a girlfriend and was considering the possibility of marrying. A promising future laid ahead of him. Then he left everything to follow Christ. He tells us why:

*"The Church, like a mother, always helped me in times of suffering and in all aspects of my life.*

*It took me many years to understand this because I was struggling to see God as a Father. How could a good father allow my sister to die when she was only 17?*

*Something changed in me when I heard a catechesis on the Love of God, as proven by His Son, Jesus Christ, who destroyed death and gave us eternal life. I was trying to run from the suffering that killed and destroyed me; looking for different kinds of sterile consolations (gaming, affections, going out, etc.).*

*The Word of God helped me to understand that God loved me in and through my sufferings and that he had a good plan for me and for my sister.*

*My way of living changed drastically because I was not running away any longer. I began to take life seriously and became more disciplined and conscientious about my studies and relationships.*

*From that moment, I started to think about my vocation because I was not sure anymore that God was calling me to marriage.*

*I was attracted by the example of many priests working and spending their lives for the Gospel.*

*After a long time, helped by priests and catechists, I decided to enter the seminary and was sent from Italy to London.*

*I am now 31, doing my fourth year in seminary and very grateful because my relationship with Christ is deepening, and despite my sins, I can experience the mercy of God more fully.*

*During this year of pastoral placement I am at St Charles Borromeo helping father Oscar. It is a pleasure for me to be here and I hope I will be able to get to know this community better".*

*Tommaso*

## **Christmas Services 2025**

### **Christmas Eve**

Wed 24th Dec

12:30 midday

6pm

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(Immediately after our  
Carol Service at 7:30pm)

### **Christmas Day**

Thurs 25th Dec

9am & 11am

### **St Stephen's Day**

Fri 26th Dec

12:30 midday.