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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

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon to Wed from 6:30am to 7:30am. Everyone is welcome!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2025



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:20

CHRISTMAS 2025
At St Charles Borromeo

- WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve**
- 12:30pm Vigil Mass
 - 6:00pm Children’s Mass
 - And Vigil Mass directly after Carol Service at 7:30pm
- THURSDAY 25th DECEMBER Christmas Day**
- 9:00am
 - 11:00am
- (Please note that there is no 6pm Mass today)
- FRIDAY 26th DECEMBER St Stephen’s Day**
- 12:30pm
- SATURDAY 27th DECEMBER**
Christmas Retreat: THE BIRTH OF SALVATION
- 11am to 3pm
- WEDNESDAY 31st DECEMBER Mass for the New Year**
- 6:00pm

Mass Schedule	
Sat 20 th Dec	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 21 st Dec	9am
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT A	11am Pro Populo
Mon 22 nd Dec	6:30am Morning Prayer
Tue 23 rd Dec	12:30pm Patrick Munnelly RIP
Wed 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	12:30pm John Curley RIP 6:00pm Forde Family 7:30pm Carol Service followed by Vigil Mass of the Nativity
Thu 25 th Dec Christmas Day	9am Conway Family 11am Pro Populo
Fri 26 th Dec St Stephen	12:30pm Nalishebo Nyambe RIP

Christmas Retreat: The Birth of Salvation



*Christ saves by grace through faith.
 Salvation in the Holy Family*

Sat 27th Dec 11am to 3pm
 at St Charles Borromeo, Ogle Street.
 Please register your interest at:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/oglestreet/events/christmas-retreat-the-birth-of-salvation/>

Preparing for Marriage at St Charles Borromeo: eight sessions at 8pm on Thursdays 22nd and 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February, 5th and 12th 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.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026.
www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983


Thanks a lot to all who made Simbang Gabi happen!

Let us welcome with our prayers the appointment of the new Archbishop of Westminster Richard Moth. May the Lord abundantly bless his ministry in our diocese!

Collection totals for November:
 Sunday Masses: 1051.31
 Standing Orders 1849.30
 Contactless 180

TOTAL 3080.61
Many Thanks!

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



The Birth of Salvation

Beloved,

God became a poor, little human baby born in a manger.

God descended to the depths of our misery to immerse us in the unfathomable abyss of his mercy.

When we could not love, accept or forgive ourselves and others and believed that God could not do it either, the Eternal Son of God took flesh of the same flesh that would pierce his flesh and blood of the same blood that would spill his blood to show us the immensity of the love that lives for all eternity in the heart of the Heavenly Father. He showed us that if we are united to that love, death cannot harm us, because this love can raise the dead and fill our flesh with glory.

Whoever accepts this love is saved.

The birth of this love is the birth of salvation.

But this love cannot be accepted only once. Christmas is not a one-night stand.

From the day that Christ was born, God has united himself to our flesh and blood for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, and now nothing, not even death itself, shall do us part.

See in the painting by El Greco, *St Joseph and the Child*.

Who is looking after whom?

Joseph is the man who accepts to bind his fate forever to the fate of the child. He is the earthly protector of the mother and the child. He is a father. He is a spouse. His is the long-life faithful response to the love of God.

But Jesus places his hand upon St Joseph in a sign that is equally protective. Joseph is in the hands of the Lord.

Tradition has it that Joseph is the patron saint of a happy and holy death because he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, fully certain that he was passing from them into the embrace of the Heavenly Father whom he had served so well in life.

Salvation is born. Feed it. Look after it. Let it grow in your life until it can be shared with others and you can enjoy the never-ending embrace of the one who saved you.



To Oscar