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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

HOLY FAMILY 2025

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother and went.”



Matthew 2:21

Merry Christmas and a
 Happy 2026 to everyone!

Thank you very much for
 your gifts, cards and all your
 support throughout the year.

Mass Schedule

Sat 27 th Dec	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 28 th Dec	9am Terence O'Reilly Intention
The Holy Family	11am Pro Populo
Mon 29 th Dec	NO MASS
St Thomas Becket	
Tue 30 th Dec	12:30pm Michael Munnely RIP
Wed 31 st Dec	12:30pm Epifania & Maria's
Mary, Mother of God	Intentions
Vigil Mass	6pm Thanksgiving
Thu 1 st Jan	12:30pm Evangelisation
Mary, Mother of God	6pm Pro Life
Fri 2 nd Jan	12:30pm Maria Conway
St Basil and St Gregory	wellbeing

A Blessing for the Year 2026

*The LORD bless you
 and keep you
 The LORD make his face
 shine upon you
 And be gracious to you
 The LORD lift up his
 countenance upon you
 And give you peace*

Collection totals for November:

Sunday Masses: 1,051.31

Standing Orders: 1,849.30

Contactless: 180

TOTAL 3,080.61

Many thanks!

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



Thanks a lot to all who made **Simbang Gabi** happen! We collected £2,000. Well done! Funds collected will go to support different maintenance projects throughout the year.

Please note that there will be an extra **Mass on Wednesday 31st December at 6pm** to welcome in the New Year 2026 with thanksgiving as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**.

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 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.

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

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!

God's Masterpiece



Beloved,

Mary and Joseph, individually and as a family, are a masterpiece modelled by the grace that came into the world through Jesus Christ.

St Augustine says, "Justification is the most excellent work of God's love made manifest in Christ Jesus and granted by the Holy Spirit" (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1994).

Through this excellent work of justification God frees us from sin and grants us the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and unite us to himself.

God did a work in and through Mary and Joseph by grace, and by grace they overcame all the obstacles that sought to frustrate this work in their lives.

Christ initiated their faith and brought it to completion as active, courageous, generous and hope-filled love. And this to the extent that fear, uncertainty, discomfort, indifference, persecution, exile and traumatic grief would not spoil his work but rather perfect it and become the means by which his own parents would conform to the mystery of his Cross and Resurrection before it took place.

Accepting marriage, motherhood, fatherhood, childbirth, fostering, educating, protecting and providing for their child were the good works prepared in advance to be the way in which Mary and Joseph would walk as the Holy Family of Christ. Through these works they gave glory to the Father in heaven.

What is the work that God wants to do IN your life?

What is the work that God wants to do THROUGH your life?

What are the obstacles that prevent God from doing these works in you and through you?

All families are called to be a domestic church; and the Church is called to be a universal family in which we learn to do the will of God because "whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother," says the Lord (Matthew 12:50).

Mothers, brothers and sisters, we are all called to be God's masterpiece and his universal family on earth.

To Oscar