



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## W/E of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January

6.30pm - Felicia Ogunnowo  
9.00am - Yvonne Daniel  
11.00am - The Scullion Family

## W/E of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January

6.30pm - Michael McInerney  
9.00am - Agatha James  
11.00am - Nicholas Mersch



**READERS ROTA** - Would readers kindly notify any swaps to Roy Vidal at [olgcreaders@gmail.com](mailto:olgcreaders@gmail.com)

It would be appreciated if readers would be kind enough to jump in and cover absences (even if you are not on the rota to read that day).

Thank you!

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	Leola & Bagwat Beerjeraz (RIP)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Manuela Pérez Martin (A)
	11.00am	Paula McHugh (RIP)
		People of the Parish
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	For the sick of the Parish
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sean Wise (INT)
<i>The Epiphany</i>	7.00pm	Jim & Elizabeth Wallace (RIP)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Richard Nagle (RIP)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Catrina Gorman (INT)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Gretta Behan (RIP)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	John, Michael & Bridget McDonagh (RIP)

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays, 5.30pm to 6pm in the Repository

The parish office will be closed until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1: 1-18



### First Holy Communion

2025

Sessions will start again in the new year. Next session Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10.00am.



### CRIB APPEAL 2025

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their

work with disadvantaged children & families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Thank you.



### Collection 21<sup>st</sup> December

Envelopes £219.90

Loose £221.60

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Total £441.50

Thank you for your generosity!



CALLING ALL BINGO LOVERS!  
**NEXT BINGO WILL BE ON FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL, £5 PER BOOK. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN! BACK AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR!!!**

### THE LAW CENTRE



Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of how they can help, and when they will next be in the parish centre.

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death

### STOKEY COMMUNITY SHOP.

The community shop will return on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026!



### CONTACTLESS GIVING DONATIONS

You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (contactless terminal) in the church on the stand just Inside the main doors. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. **IF YOU ALREADY USE THE CONTACTLESS MACHINE - THANK YOU. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH THE MACHINE (IT IS NOT A TOY!), AND PLEASE DO NOT PRESS ANY OF THE**



### CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Are available at the back of the church for the Christmas day offertory collection for those who do not use planned giving offertory envelopes or those who give by standing order. Please note that the Christmas collection goes towards clergy salaries and supply priests. Thank you.