



# CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Vigil Mass 5.00 pm - Page 95/ Mass during the Night Page 98/Mass During the Day Page 103 in The Parish Mass*

Dear Friends,

First of all, let me begin by wishing you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Year after year the Christmas Season brings to the minds of all Christians the wonderful story of the Child in the Manger, the shepherds of the Judean hills, the celestial song (Glory to God in the Highest), and the angel's message, telling that the long expected one had come. Because we believe the angel's message, Christmas means so much more to us than tinsel and presents. For many people the true meaning of Christmas has been lost, living as we do in a post Christians society. But for believers it is a time to truly rejoice, be glad, and give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of his Son.

Over 2000 years ago God the Father fulfilled his promises to the prophets of the chosen people to send his son who would save us from our sins. That person Jesus Christ who is both God and Man was born of the Virgin Mary on that First Christmas Morning, he came into a darkened world to bring the light of God's love for us all. We are very blessed to have the gift of faith and to truly believe in God's love for us, that he would send his Son to guide us to our true home. We are called to be guiding lights in our world today and to lead people by lives of love to Christ who is the Saviour of all mankind. At the heart of our Christmas is the Christ Child for without that Christmas would be a meaningless celebration. I pray that the Christ Child will bless you and your families as we celebrate his birthday and, in the year, to come.

Thank you for your prayers, cards & good wishes during my recently illness. You may have been aware that I was at the Royal Free Hospital and being treated for Cellulitis in the face. I looked as though I had done 5 rounds with Mike Tyson, and I am now back to normal!! As far as that is possible.

**Christmas Offering** – As you know, Christmas and Easter are traditional times for your gift to the clergy, recently the Diocese has changed the rules and the offering goes straight into the Parish Account, if you wish your offering to be a Christmas Gift to the Parish Priest you need to give it to him personally and not place it in the collection box. Many thanks.

## Mass Intention for December

### Christmas Weekend

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>            5.00 pm Family Mass -Doug Marsh Int  
                                 12.00 am Midnight Mass  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>            10.30 am Christmas Mass People of the Parish  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>            12.00 pm Noon Mass

Fr. Sean will say Mass on Christmas Day at 10.30 am & on Boxing Day at 12.00 Noon.

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	5.00 pm	People of The Parish
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am	The Procter Family
	10.30 am	The Leadbeater Family

## Sick List

### *The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -*

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Castells, Patrick Rice, Tracey Hardy, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, John Tilcock, Michael Glencross, Nora Proctor and Mary Todd, Alice Perry.

## Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know

## Mass Intentions that have been moved when

### Fr. Sean was on Sick Leave.

Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Julie O'Malley  
Fri Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - William Calderwood R.I.P.  
Sun Jan 8<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Demidecki Anni  
Fri Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - Charlotte Anderson Int  
Sun Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Felicity & Elizabeth Anderson (Private Intention)

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*Church Offerings*

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.

*Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00 pm Family Mass

Reader 1 Heather  
Reader 2 Albert  
Eucharistic Minister: Gerry

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30 pm Carols & Readings

12.00 am Midnight Mass

Reader 1 David Leadbeater  
Reader 2 Sue Wright  
Eucharistic Minister:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Mass

Reader 1 Michael Demidecki  
Reader 2 Ryan Geronimo  
Eucharistic Minister: Ryan

*Getting the Church Ready for Christmas:* I want to thank the ladies who joined me in cleaning the church, it was such a joyous atmosphere and the church looked beautiful afterwards. The Christmas Tree looks very pretty, thanks to Heather, Sheree and Libby for decorating it.

*Christmas Workshop:* Thank you Heather and Sheree for organising a lovely morning of creativity, some lovely table centres were produced. The carrot cake made by Heather was delicious.

*Nativity* – The Nativity Play was wonderful; the actors were incredible. Thank you, Tricia, for producing the play & thank you Heather for organising the music. The food and mulled wine went down well after the play, it was an enjoyable evening.

*Please support the Catholic Children's Society Crib*

*Offering-* There are little cards by the Crib, write a thought, a prayer or a tribute to someone special and hang it on the tree. Put a donation in the dish. Thanks, you.



*Children's liturgy*

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

*Mass Intentions*

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please call the parish, e-mail, or see Annabelle. The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Many thanks.

Mass envelopes are at the back of the church, please make sure your phone number is on the envelope. Many thanks.

*Flowers for the year*

Thank you to Heather, Sheree, Diana, Kay & Lena our wonderful flower ladies for producing such beautiful & elegant displays over the year, we are very lucky to have such talented ladies.

*The date below is free for a Mass Intention*

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
And Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Articles for the Newsletter* - Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to [tring@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tring@rcdow.org.uk)

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