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The mystery of Christmas therefore lays upon us all, a debt and an obligation to the rest of the human race and to the whole created universe. We who have seen the light of Christ are obligated by the greatness of the grace that has been given to us to make known the presence of the Saviour to the ends of the earth. This we will do not only by preaching the glad tidings of his coming, but above all by revealing him in our lives. Christ is born to us in order that he may appear to the whole world through us.

*Christmas is given to us to make us love the kind of humility that is love and embraces contradictions and difficulties and all the rest with joy.
by*

Thomas Merton

Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you happiness, may it be yours this Christmas. And I pray that the true spirit of this great event of the Incarnation shines in your heart and illuminates your path.

Thank you for your support and guidance this year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr Voy

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 20th	09:15	Fr. Philip Brady Wellbeing
	11:00	Baptism: Aiden Taka
	18:00	Veronica McHale, Novena Hynes, John Murtagh
Sun 21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A	
	09:00	Michael, Julia and James O'Sullivan R.I.P
	11:00	Lupu Lazar 10 th Anniversary
Mon 22nd	09:15	Sean, Nellie, John Patsy, Micheal Roche R.I.P
Tues 23rd	09:15	Catriona and Pat Gannon
Wed 24th	09:15	Mary Flaherty and Mark Flaherty R.I.P anniversary
	18:30	Children's mass
	24:00	Our Parishioners
Thurs 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day	
	9:00	Peter Hallahan 3 rd RIP anniversary
	11:00	Bill, Rose and Kevin Cummins R.I.P
Fri 26 th	Saint Stephen, The first Martyr	
	10:00	Maria Ferreira R.I.P
Sat 27 th	St John, Apostle and Evangelist	
	10:00	Geraldine Guerin O'Callahan R.I.P
	18:00	Mike and Mary Twomey
Sun 28th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
	09:00	Mary McDonald
	11:00	Aliyamma Punnamkuzhy
	12:00	Baptism : Finlay McGowan
Mon 29th	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	
	10:00	Bill Ames anniversary
Tues 30th	10:00	Mary Woodlock
Wed 31st	10:00	Jimmy, Maureen, Rodney, Wlamon

20:00 Our Parishioners

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 2026

Thurs 1st **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
10:00 Tim Hartnett R.I.P 1st anniversary

Fri 2nd **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
09:15 Mrs. Anna Ponzini

Sat 3rd **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
09:15 Timothy and Winifred Gohin R.I.P
11:00 Baptism: Sampungwe Teah
18:00 Steve Wiles R.I.P 19th anniversary

Sun 4th **Second Sunday after Nativity**
09:00 Joan Downey R.I.P
11:00 Fr. Philip Brady wellbeing
12:00 Baptism : Eliza Stringer
Baptism : Stanley Stringer

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	SERVICE	MASS TIMINGS
Wed 24th	Children's Christmas Mass	6.30 pm
	Christmas Carol Service	11.30 pm
	The Nativity of the Lord, Midnight Service	12 am
Thurs 25th	The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day service	9 am, 11 am
Fri 26th	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	10 am
Sat 27th	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	10 am, 6 pm
Sun 28th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9 am, 11 am
Mon 29th	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	10 am
Tues 30th	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10 am
Wed 31 st Dec	Saint Sylvester I, Pope	10 am
	Thanksgiving mass for 2025	8 pm
Thurs 1 st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	10 am
Fri 2nd	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	9.15 am
Sat 3rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.15 am, 6 pm
Sun 4th	Second Sunday after the Nativity	9 am, 11 am

CRIB APPEAL

Please donate a Crib Offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society enabling them to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 14th December 2025

Planned Giving: £43 Loose Plate: £380.02
Standing Orders/contactless/online for November: £3,192.00

If you would like to set up a monthly Standing Order, our bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Watford North

Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account No: **81263439**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Offertory collection on Christmas Day is traditional, for the benefit of priests working in parishes. Envelopes for contributions can be found in the church porch. ***Thank you for your support.***

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES FOR SALE

As we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas, our **Parish Repository** is stocked with a lovely selection of Christmas cards, candles, and other devotional items. These make wonderful gifts and help support our parish community. We invite you to stop by after Mass and browse the beautiful items available.

LAST CHANCE SALOON GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS!!!!

CAFOD offers a 'WORLD GIFT' selection of donated gifts, like 'Chirpy Chickens', Trees for life, The Goat that gives... Just donate the £s and your giftee gets a Christmas card acknowledging this. Brochure at back of church or go online: CAFOD world gifts 2025.

Thought for the week: *Be Kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.*

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

Sometimes you put walls up not to keep out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.

Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.

- Socrates (C.470BC)