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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 28TH DECEMBER 2025

The Season of Christmas

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 2 ND 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 1 st anniversary
Fri 2 nd		Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
	09:15	Samantha and Steve Landy
Sat 3rd		The Most Holy Name of Jesus
	09:15	Timothy and Winifred Gohin R.I.P
	11:00	Baptism: Simpungwe Teah

	18:00	Steve Wiles R.I.P 19 th anniversary
Sun 4 th		Second Sunday after Nativity
	09:00	Joan Downey R.I.P
	11:00	Aliyamma Punnamkhuzy R.I.P anniv
	12:00	Baptism : Eliza Stringer Baptism : Stanley Stringer
Mon 5 th	09:15	Souls in Purgatory killed in car accident
Tues 6 th		The Epiphany of the Lord
	09:15	John McGing R.I.P
	19:00	Tom McLoughlin R.I.P
Wed 7 th		Saint Raymond of Penyafort Church and Office closed
Thurs 8 th	10:00	Eddie Sharkey RIP anniversary
Fri 9 th	09:15	Zara and family Reekhaye
Sat 10 th	10:00	Souls killed in Purgatory killed in car accident
	18:00	Mary Harper
Sun 11 th		The Baptism of the Lord
	09:00	Mary Pepe R.I.P Anniversary
	11:00	Tom McLoughlin R.I.P

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	SERVICE	MASS TIMINGS
Wed 24 th	Children's Christmas Mass	6.30 pm
	Christmas Carol Service	11.30 pm
	The Nativity of the Lord, Midnight Service	12 am
Thurs 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day service	9 am, 11 am
Fri 26 th	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	10 am
Sat 27 th	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	10 am, 6 pm
Sun 28 th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9 am, 11 am
Mon 29 th	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	10 am
Tues 30 th	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 2 nd	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	9.15 am
Sat 3 rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.15 am, 6 pm
Sun 4 th	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 21ST December 2025

Planned Giving: £79.88 Loose Plate: £369.72
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.***

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)