**YEAR 2025 THANK YOU'S**

A word of thanks also to those who quietly, efficiently but very capably assist in different ways to the smooth running of the parish; to Michael Plummer and his team who run the hall and its bookings; to our teams of counters and bankers; to Matt and our Finance Committee, and to Anna who looks after the Repository. Bless you all, everyone!

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

The Christingle Service last Sunday was as delightful as ever, and very well attended. We thank the team for making the Christingles, the First Communion children and readers and, of course, especially Theresa for organising the whole darned thing!

**KEECH COTTAGE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

The Christmas Crib Collection is for Keech Cottage.

**MY DAY BY DAY**

Copies of the January issue are available on the entrance table, price £1.20.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

There are still a lot of unclaimed Christmas cards in the "post box". **Please check if any are addressed to you:** they have a limited shelf life: i.e. this weekend!

**FRIDAY LUNCHES**

Very many thanks to the four teams who have generously been providing lunches in the Parish Hall every Friday throughout the year – they have been much appreciated. They resume on Friday 2nd January, with Group A.

**30 YEARS OF J&P IN OUR PARISH**

In 2026 we will be celebrating 30 years of having a Justice and Peace group in our church. Together with tremendous support from our parishioners, we have campaigned, prayed for, and raised funds for causes locally, nationally and internationally. The group plans to organise 30 events during the forthcoming year and are seeking someone to design a miniature logo to highlight these on the newsletter. If you could help, please contact Mary.flach@yahoo.co.uk

**DATES FOR YOUR JANUARY DIARY: from the J&P group**

Wednesday 14th – 6.45-8.15pm: J&P meeting in the hall – all welcome
Weekend of 17th/18th – Pax Christi Peace Sunday
Friday 30th – Friday Film Night: 'Triumph of the Heart' 2025 film about St. Maximilian Kolbe

Father John and Deacon Tony would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy New Year.

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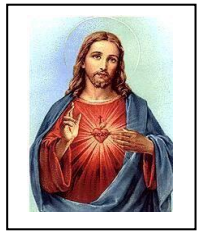

**The Holy Family, Year A**
**28th December 2025**

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| Saturday | 27th | Holy Family | Mass | 6.15pm | Noel Curtin RIP |
| Sunday | 28th | Holy Family | Mass<br>Mass | 9.00am<br>11.00am | D Wiseman anniv<br>Jessina & Godwin RIP |
| Monday | 29th | St Thomas Becket | Mass | 10.00am | Sr Catherine's int |
| **Thursday** | **1st** | **Solemnity of Mary** | **Mass** | **12 noon** | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 2nd | SS Basil & Gregory | Rosary<br>Mass | 9.30am<br>10.00am | <br>J & C O'Malley RIP |
| Saturday | 3rd | Benediction and 2nd Sunday after Nativity | Confessions<br><br>Mass | 10-10.30am<br>5.45-6.00pm<br>6.15pm | <br><br>Michael Griffin RIP |
| Sunday | 4th | 2nd Sunday after Nativity | Mass<br>Mass | 9.00am<br>11.00am | P McNamara RIP |

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

Before the Mass on New Year's Day at 12 noon, the congregation will be invited to light a votive candle and place it on the altar to remember loved ones who have died, in particular over the last 12 months. As usual, the names of those whose funerals took place in the parish over the last year will be read out during the bidding prayers.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas services: our two organists Theresa and Shirley, the Sacred Heart Singers and the Folk Group; those fabulous altar servers; the flower arrangers for the beautiful flowers; the Church Beauticians, the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Welcomers; and finally, Deacon Tony, who organises me – or so he thinks!

I would also like to thank everyone for the cards, presents and very generous Christmas offering.