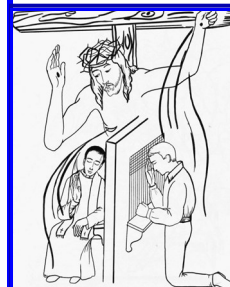
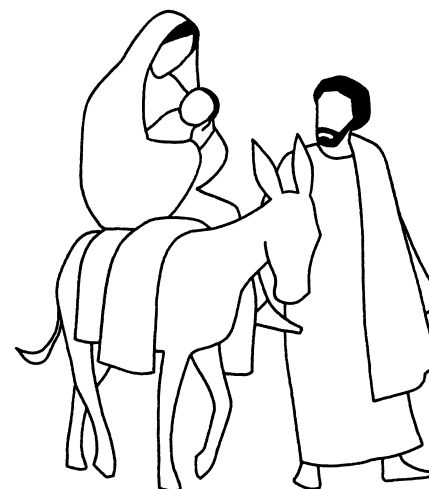


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A) Ecclus. 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps. 127; Col. 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23	
Saturday 27th December 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Victoria de Santana RIP (Vicky Ellen Clark)	Sunday 28th December 2025 8:30am: Deceased members of McKie and Coligan Families 10:30am: People of the Parish
ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP AND MARTYR Monday 29th December 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Krystyna Helena Laszcz RIP FM	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Tuesday 30th December 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Weds. 31st December 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Catherine Bull RIP (Bull) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Thursday 1st January 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Moira Sharp RIP FM
STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH FIRST FRIDAY Friday 2nd January 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Ellen Santana RIP (Vicky Ellen Clark)	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS FIRST SATURDAY Saturday 3rd January 2026 7:30am: First Saturday Devotions 8:30am: Private Intention (DG) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (A) Sir. 24: 1-2, 8-12; Ps. 147; Eph. 1: 3-6, 15-18; John 1: 1-18	
Saturday 3rd January 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Anthony Fernandes RIP (J. Fernandes)	Sunday 4th January 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Bernie Youngs RIP (Youngs)
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Thomas Carragher, Francis Fisher, Jim Cassidy, Yvonne Manuel, Krystyna Helena Laszcz, Joan Brooks, Hugh Brennan, William Malcolm, Paul Walker, Sr. Francis Clare, Elvire Caborn, Arthur Whitfield, Bryan Keenan, Catherine Bull, Lily Watts, Sarah Walsh, Johnny Walsh, David Daly, Joan Staple- ton, Francis Waugh, James J. Johnson, Nina Smith, Sybil Magdalene Hart-Davis, Natasha Bastone, Frederick Davis, Jane Foley, Patricia Maria Smith.	
CHRIST IN THE HUMAN FAMILY.	
God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.	



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And he (*Joseph*) rose
 and took the child (*Jesus*)
 and His mother (*Mary*)
 by night and departed
 to Egypt and remained there
 until the death of Herod.



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 20TH/21ST DECEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £223.50; Card: £130; Loose Plate: £176.71 ATTENDANCE: 230
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)

The most elementary Christian community of our lives is the family into which we are born. The purpose of this feast is to show the importance and sacredness of the family as the basic unit of Church life. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the quality of our home and family life, insofar as they imitate the values of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

This feast is a reminder that Jesus came on earth to make a place for each one of us in God's family.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Our Christmas Crib Offerings will be collected and shared between: -

- ♦ **THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S SOUTHWARK CRISIS FUND** which provides immediate support to those children and families in the Diocese who are most in need.
- ♦ **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of JESUS.

"In the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation:

"Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS".

Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year Wishes to you all.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

invites us to pray for the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 JANUARY 2026

The theme for the week is **"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"** (Ephesians 4:4).

For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic, and Evangelical Churches.

Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising that the followers of Christ represent **"ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT,"** united in a single hope signifying the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity, and tradition.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

RITA MARY PEARCE, who died on the 30th November 2025 aged 93 years.

FUNERAL: Friday 9th January 2026 at 1pm

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 3.30pm

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club Committee would like to thank all those who have supported the Club throughout the year and we look forward to greeting you, and any new members, over the Christmas period and into the New Year.

Our opening hours are:

Saturday 27th December: 7.30pm to 11pm

Sunday 28th December: 12 noon to 4pm

New Years Eve Wednesday 31st December: 8pm to 12.30am

Friday - Sunday 2 - 4th January 2026 normal hours

The **FIRST BINGO SESSION** of **2026** will be on **SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY** at **12:15PM** with the Snowball starting again.

The club is usually open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

WOOLLEN SOCKS AND WOOLLEN HATS

I am taking this time so near to Christmas to ask for your urgent help. This week I was at a Meeting with Mgr. Malachy Keegan the Episcopal Vicar for Prisons in Southwark, who reported on the conditions on Prisons in Southwark Diocese; where there are many Catholic prisoners; among other topics he asked for **woollen socks and woollen hats for Prisoners**.

The woollen hats MUST be coloured and NOT black or white. The winter conditions in the prison cells are freezing in these winter nights. Please ask in your parishes and if they have any of these items, please send them to:

Rev Fr Richard Offong (Prison Chaplain for the Prisons in Woolwich)

St Paul's Catholic Church Thamesmead, Benthams Road,

Thamesmead, SE28 8AS.

[A Box is available in the Church Reception Area for your kind donations.]

Thank you for your help. **Rev Duncan Aitkins**, Southwark Diaconate.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?