

6. **THE ANGELUS:**
A daily Christmas Prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord
declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived
by the Holy Spirit.

HAIL MARY, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

JESUS.

HOLY MARY, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me
according to thy word.

HAIL MARY. . .

*(please kneel, genuflect, or bow,
and pause, in the next verse)*

V. And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

R. AND DWELT AMONG US.

HAIL MARY. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee,
O Lord, Thy grace into our
hearts, that we to whom
the Incarnation of Christ Thy
Son was made known by the
message of an angel, may by
His PASSION and CROSS



*(make the Sign
of the Cross)*

be brought to the glory of
HIS RESURRECTION.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord. AMEN.



Let us : “BEND THE KNEE”
at THE NAME OF **JESUS**.

If we can no longer
“BEND THE KNEE” then let us
“BOW OUR HEADS”

at THE NAME OF **JESUS**,
every time we say the
HOLY NAME OF **JESUS**.

May we “BEND THE KNEE”
and “GENUFLECT” in
THE PRESENCE OF **JESUS**
in the Tabernacle
of the Altar.

JESUS = SAVIOUR!

A bed-time prayer:

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,
I GIVE YOU MY HEART
AND MY SOUL.

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,
ASSIST ME IN MY LAST AGONY.
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH,
MAY I SLEEP AND TAKE MY REST
IN PEACE WITH YOU.

3.

+ **J. M. J.** + **JESUS**, + **MARY**, and + **JOSEPH** +
Newsletter Supplement: 28th December Anno Domini 2025
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (A)

The Announcement of the Solemnity of THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

“THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF DECEMBER,

- when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in His own likeness;
- when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set His (rain) bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace;
- in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
- in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt;
- around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
- in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
- in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
- in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome;
- in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus the whole world being in peace,

JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL GOD AND SON OF THE ETERNAL FATHER,
desiring to consecrate the world by His Most Loving Presence,
was conceived by THE HOLY SPIRIT, and when nine months had passed
since His Conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem
(Beit-Le-chem = ‘House of Bread’) of Judah, and was made man:

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.”

(From the Roman Missal, Third Edition, Appendix I)



4. In his annual CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON said:

“The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that “GOD IS LOVE” (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him”.

You can watch and read the full message at

rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025.

ST. JOSEPH’S PRIMARY RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026

www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

(Bexley residents)

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places

The School is holding an Open Event on the following date:
Thurs. 8th Jan. 2026: 9.15am

A presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school. The closing date for applications is
15th January 2026.

In this Season of Christmas, PLEASE READ, AT HOME, the Infancy Narratives from the Gospels according to Matthew, Luke and John: Matthew: chapters 1 - 2 , Luke: chapters 1 - 2, and John: chapter 1: 1 - 18 (the “Prologue”).

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MAY ALL OUR HOMES be like the HOLY HOUSE and Home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in NAZARETH, Bethlehem, and Zeitoun (?) in Egypt. Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas 2025 and New Year of Our Lord (Anno Domini) 2026!



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE OF 2025
formally closes in
our Archdiocese at
St George’s Cathedral on
Sunday 28th December,
and in Rome on
Tuesday 6th January 2026.

5 LITURGY FOR CLOSING THE JUBILEE YEAR

(from the Dicastery for Evangelization)

AFTER THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:
Brothers and sisters,
at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year we join our voices with the song of the whole Church that today offers its thanksgiving to God for the gift of his indulgence.

Through the sacraments, pilgrimage, prayer and charity we have had an intense experience of the divine mercy: the Lord has washed away our sins and filled us with his grace. During this Year, in the movement of the liturgical cycle, we have entered fully into the mystery of Christ in faith, hope and love.

Now, strengthened by the experience of conversion, let us go back to the daily round of our lives. Like the disciples who saw his face, we shall hold on to the joy of our meeting with the Lord and firmly maintain the profession of our hope, for he is faithful to his promises.

*The assembly may sing
a hymn of thanksgiving.*

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

God our Father, may the fullness of Your grace and the abundance of Your holy gifts come down upon this Your family: grant to Your faithful the faith that moves mountains, the hope that does not disappoint, and the love that is patient and kind, because, never separating themselves from Your will, they may thank You for Your blessings without number.

Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

Or: SOLEMN BLESSING

May the Father,
Who sent His Son not to condemn but to save the world,
keep you from all evil and welcome your desires for good. **R. Amen.**

May the Son, Who called to Himself the burdened and oppressed,
grant you renewal and peace so that you may await with trust His return at the end of time. **R. Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
Who in this Jubilee Year has filled you with grace enable you every day of your life to make active what you have experienced in faith. **R. Amen.**

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever. **R. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Worship the Lord in your hearts, always ready to respond to whoever asks the reason for the hope that is in you.

Go in peace. **R. Thanks be to God.**

