



# ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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## PARISH DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

Parish activities are in *italic*

Masses are held at the remaining times

### Sun 24 December – Christmas Eve

- 08.30 Frank, Molly and Patrick O'Brien RIP  
10.00 Deceased commended to God by Patrick O'Leary  
12.00 Colman and Kathleen Keane RIP  
17.30 Graham Walsh RIP  
24.00 People of the parish  
Wellbeing of Margaret Russell

### Mon 25 December – Christmas Day

- 08.30 Martin Wallace RIP  
10.00 Tom, Teresa and Caroline Maloney RIP  
Nicky Meredith and Family  
12.00 Colman and Kathleen Keane RIP

**No evening Mass**

### Tue 26 December (St Stephen)

- 09.30 Paul Lydon RIP

### Wed 27 December (St John Evangelist)

- 09.30 Elsie Malangone RIP  
19.00 *Adoration and Confession*

### Thu 28 December (The Holy Innocents)

- 09.30 John McAnulty RIP

### Fri 29 December (St Thomas of Canterbury)

- 09.30 Wellbeing of Vienna, Stephen, Eliot, Wing and Peter

### Sat 30 December

- 08.30 *Adoration and Confession*  
09.30 Deceased commended to God by Annie Higgs  
17.00 *Confession*  
17.30 Father John O'Connor

### Sun 31 December – Holy Family Sunday

- 08.30 People of the parish  
10.00 Vera Pollock RIP  
12.00 John and Florrie Campbell, Bridie Cannon and baby Anthony RIP  
17.30 Tamara and Anthony, Francis Anthony RIP

**Christmas 2023:** the schedule for this year is at the back of the church and on the parish website. Thank you to Tim and our parish choir, as well as the choir from St Anthony's School, for making the Christmas Carol Service a resounding success. Thank you also for all the help and generous donations for the reception that followed in the JPC.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for William Lees RIP who died recently. Funeral Mass for him will take place in St Thomas More Church on Thursday 11 January at 12.00. Please pray for Norma Oforikumah RIP, who died recently. Funeral Mass for her will take place in St Thomas More Church on Tuesday 16 January at 12.00. We offer our prayers for their grieving families.

**Christmas Crib offerings** this year will be for the **Catholic Children's Society**. If you have gifts you would like to donate to locally disadvantaged children, please leave these behind the baptismal font. There is a poster in the porch with a list of all the gifts that they would most welcome. Please note that they will only accept new gifts. We will be collecting these until the end of the year. Thank you for your generosity!

**Parish office** is now closed. It will reopen on 8 January.

*Please support us where possible. Please donate online through our yellow donate button at the bottom of our website (by card or paypal). There is also an option to set up a monthly standing order. Alternatively, our bank details are St Thomas More Church, NatWest, account 44136757, sort code 60-23-19 or we have contactless card/phone readers in the church.*

**Christmas Offering** is traditionally a personal gift to the priests of the parish from the offertory on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please use your Gift Aid numbers where possible and write them on the envelopes at the back of the church or use the contactless card machines at the back of the church, where you have the option of adding Gift Aid numbers. Alternatively, you can make a transfer online via the bank details below using Christmas Offering as the reference. Thank you for your kind support.

**Confirmation 2024:** Enrolment for young parishioners to the 2024 Confirmation Programme will commence in January. Please keep an eye on the Parish weekly Newsletter for further announcements as to deadlines for enrolment.

**John Paul Association JP** will recommence on Monday 15th January 2024.

We would like to wish every parishioner family, guests and visitors a joyful, safe and healthy Christmas, praying for God's blessing with you at our Christmas Masses and throughout the whole Christmas period.

Fr Bart and Fr Joseph