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The Feast of the Holy Family

11th - 18th January 2026



Feast of the Holy Family

Dear faithful,

Today, in the Sunday following the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is a beautiful opportunity to consider our prayer life at home and how the family – the domestic church – can be sanctified through prayer, work and acts of charity.

✠ **First Communion of Children:** Several of our children will be making their first communion this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step!

✠ **Epiphany House Blessings:** see page 2 for more information. Doorposts are traditionally marked with blessed chalk using the following inscription:

MM + C + M + B + XXVI

MMXXVI is the year 2026 in Roman numerals. C + M + B stands for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, the names given by tradition to the three Magi.

✠ **Cords of St Joseph:** Following the 10am Mass, there will be a special blessing of the cords (cincture) of St. Joseph. The cords of St. Joseph are a sacramental that is worn to remind one to remain close to Our Lady and St. Joseph and to ask their intercession, in particular for the grace of holy purity.

Priest's Blessing of a Cincture

The priest, vested in surplice and white stole, says:

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: May He also be with you.

V: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who inculcated the counsel and love of virginity, and gave the precept of chastity, we appeal to Thy kindness, asking that Thou bless and hallow this cincture as a token of purity. Let all who gird themselves with it as a safeguard of chastity be enabled, by the prayers of Saint Joseph, spouse of Thy holy Mother, to practice that continence which is so pleasing to Thee, and to live in obedience to Thy commandments. May they also obtain pardon of their sins, health in mind and body, and finally attain everlasting life. We

ask this of Thee who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

V: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant, we pray, that those who revere the inviolate virginity of the most pure Virgin Mary and of Saint Joseph, her spouse, may by their prayers be pure in mind and body; through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

V: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who committed the boy Jesus and the most pure Mary, ever a Virgin, to the care of the chaste man Saint Joseph, we humbly entreat Thee that those who are girded with this cincture in honour of Saint Joseph and under his patronage may, by Thy help and his prayers, persevere in holy chastity for all time; through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

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Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on [Monday at 7.15pm](#). **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. [Next practice, Monday 19th January](#). **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. [Next practice 12th January](#).

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £638.00 Boxes: £188.00 Bank transfers: £ Shop £ Heating: £ **Total: £826.00**
Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following:
Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** We collect for Wirral Foodbank - the cash goes directly to the Foodbank who use it to buy food for families, individuals and the homeless. If you have a spare coin or note and would like to help those less fortunate, drop it into us and we will ensure it gets to the right place.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** In January, we will be collecting for the convent restoration project of our Sister Adorers in Preston Last week £32.40 was collected. £103 was collected in December for foodbank.

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Church Cleaning.** [11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass](#). Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

Forthcoming events

✠ **Saint Benedict Centre open day:** The ICKSP's education centre for homeschool children in Preston will host an open house next [Saturday, 17th January](#). The event begins with a sung Mass at Saint Walburge's Church at 10am followed by tours of the premises and a meet and greet. For more information, contact Canon Post.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “Angels and Demons”:** One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The first class will be held on [Friday, 23rd January at 7.15pm](#), following the evening Mass.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “The Catholic Moral Life”:** One Saturday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The first class will be held on [Saturday, 31st January at 11am](#), following the morning Mass.

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. [Next meeting, Saturday 7th February 11am – 1pm](#)

✠ **Epiphany House Blessings:** The Roman Ritual contains three rites for the blessing of a house: one throughout the year, one during Paschal tide, and one for Epiphany. The Epiphany blessing is a particularly solemn blessing in honour of the visit of the Magi to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The priest sprinkles the house with holy water and incenses it and traditionally marks the threshold with blessed chalk. The rite may be performed from 5th January until 1st February.

Canons Montjean and Post will offer the house blessing during the month to come. Please let us know early if you wish to have your house blessed. Those who make their request earlier and those have never had their house blessed will be given precedence. Due to the diversity of places in which our faithful live, we will seek to group house blessings together by region and area.

✠ **SPUC youth conference:** [Friday 27th February](#) – Sunday 1st March 2026 Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. See website for details.

Information

✠ **For life matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Lottie, Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 28 th April.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 11 th January Feast of the Holy Family <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	John Roberts RIP Private Intention	4.30pm Adoration , Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am– 10.15am
Monday 12 th January Mass of 1 st Sunday after Epiphany <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Private Intention Michael, Olivia, Zac, Alisia	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Tuesday 13 th January Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Private Intention Martina and Luke	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Wednesday 14 th January St. Hilary <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Reparation for culture of death	Private Intention	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 15 th January St. Paul the first hermit <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private Intention	Private Intention	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Friday 16 th January St. Marcellus <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Anne Jones	Private Intention	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Saturday 17 th January St. Anthony Abbot <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Private Intention	Canon P's intentions	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am– 9.30am
Sunday 18 th January Second Sunday After Epiphany <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Private intention	Joyce Ashton Helen Cleator RIP	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am– 10.15am

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Let us pray. God, the lover and restorer of innocence, we pray that Thy faithful who are to wear this cincture may, by the prayers of Saint Joseph, spouse of Thy holy Mother, have their loins girded and hold burning lamps in their hands, and thus be likened to men who wait for their Lord when He shall return for a wedding, that when He comes and knocks they may open to Him, and be found worthy of being taken into everlasting joys; through Thee who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen

Then the priest puts incense into the censer, sprinkles the cincture with holy water, and says:

Sprinkle me with hyssop, Lord, and I shall be clean of sin. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. After this he incenses the cincture, and continues:

V: Save Thy servants.

R: Who trust in Thee, my God.

V: Lord, send them aid from Thy holy place.

R: And watch over them from Sion.

V: Lord, heed my prayer.

R: And let my cry be heard by Thee.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: May He also be with you.

Let us pray.

O God of mercy, God of goodness, Thou art pleased with all good things, and without whom no good work is begun, no good work is finished; kindly hear our prayers, and defend Thy faithful, who are to wear this blessed cincture in honour of Saint Joseph and under his protection, from the snares of this world and all its lusts. Help them to persist in their holy resolution and to obtain pardon of their sins, and thus merit to be numbered amongst Thy elect; through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

PROPER of the MASS – The Feast of the Holy Family

INTROIT *Prov 23:24-25*

The father of the Just will exult with glee; let Your father and mother have joy; let her who bore You exult.

Ps 83:2-3 How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord. ✠ Glory be to the Father,

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You Who while subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed family life with virtues beyond description, grant us by their combined intercession, that, having been taught by the example of the Holy Family, we may attain unto their everlasting companionship. Who livest and reignest..

EPISTLE *Col 3:12-17*

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL *Ps 26:4*

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Ps 83:5 ✠ Happy they who dwell in Your house. O Lord! continually they praise You.

ALLELUIA, alleluia. *Isa 45:15*

✠ Truly You are a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 2:42-52*

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the

Music for Sunday, 11th January

Mass setting: Kyriale VIII – Credo I

Communion: Ecce Panis Angelorum

Recessional: Sing of Mary, pure and lowly (487)

teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

OFFERTORY *Luke 2:22*

The parents of Jesus took Him up to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.

SECRET

In appeasement, O Lord, we offer You this sacrifice, humbly praying that through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God, and that of St. Joseph, You will establish our households in Your peace and grace. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth...

PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should in all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God. For when Thine only begotten Son showed Himself in the substance of our mortal nature, He restored us by the new light of His own immortality. And therefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the heavenly hosts, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying without ceasing:

COMMUNION *Luke 2:51*

Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, Lord Jesus, that those whom You refresh with the heavenly sacrament may ever imitate the example of Your Holy Family, so that at the hour of our death, with the glorious Virgin Mary and St. Joseph welcoming us, we may be found worthy to be received into Your everlasting home.