

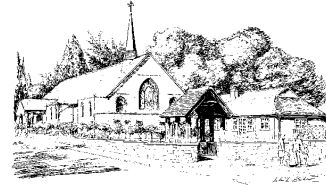
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**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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Sat 4 January	5.00 pm	HA	Confession	
	5.30 pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>The Holy Year of Jubilee 2025 – hope for the New Year</i>
<b>Sun 5 January 2025</b>	9.15 am	HF	Mass	<i>Susan Burton (thanksgiving)</i>
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	11.00 am	HA	Mass	<i>Bridget Tharian (RIP 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)</i>
	5.00pm	HA	Epiphany Carol Service <i>(International)</i>	
Mon 6 Jan	NO MASS			
Tue 7 Jan	9.30am	HF	Mass	
Wed 8 Jan	9.30 am	HA	Mass	
Thur 9 Jan	6.30pm	HF	Adoration & Confessions	
	7.30pm	HF	Mass	
Fri 10 Jan	9.30am	HA	Mass	
Sat 11 Jan	5.00pm	HA	Confession	
	5.30 pm	HA	Mass	<i>Tony Wagstaff (RIP)</i>
<b>Sun 12 Jan</b>	9.15 am	HF	Sunday Mass	
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	11.00am	HA	Sunday Mass	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
	12.30pm	HA	Holy Baptism	<i>George Bidell</i>

FR ROBIN AND DEACON JOHN WISH  
 ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS  
 A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR

***Crib Collection***  
 Please make a visit to the Christmas Crib – and pray for all  
 families who are struggling at this time of year.  
 Our Crib Collection goes to the  
 Catholic Children’s Society A&B Crisis Fund

**New Year’s Resolutions**

What do most people mean when they wish each other a Happy New Year? Doubtless they mean a year free from illness pain, trouble or worry; that instead everyone may smile on you, that you will flourish, that you make plenty of money, that the taxman doesn’t get you, that you get a rise in salary, that prices fall, and that the news is good every day. In short that nothing unpleasant may happen to you.

It is good to wish these material good things for ourselves and others so long as they do not make us veer away from our final goal. The New Year will bring us

our share of happiness and our share of trouble, and we don't know how much of each. A good year for a Christian is one in which both joys and sorrows have helped them to love God a little more. It is not a year that comes, supposing it were possible, full of natural happiness that leaves God to one side. A good year is one in which we have served God and our neighbour better, even if, on the human plane, it has been a complete disaster. For example a good year could be one in which we are attacked by a serious illness that has been latent and unsuspected for many years, provided we know how to use it for our sanctification and that of those close to us.

Any year can be the *best year* if we make use of the graces that God keeps in store for us and which can turn to good the greatest misfortunes.

For the year just beginning God has prepared all the help we need to make it a *good year*. So let's not waste even a single day. And when we happen to commit sin, or fall into error or discouragement, let us immediately begin again, in many cases through the sacrament of Penance.

May we all have a *good year*, so that when it is over we can come before God with our hands full of hours of work offered to him, apostolate with our friends, innumerable acts of charity with those around us, many little victories over our self-love, and unforgettable meetings with our Lord in Holy Communion.

Let us resolve to convert our defeats into victories, each time turning to God and starting once again.

And, finally, let us ask our Lady for the grace to live during this new year with a fighting spirit, as if it were the last thing that God was going to give us.

*In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez*

## NOTICES

### **A New Year's Resolution.**

I have found great blessing in following the Catechism in a year podcast this year.

If you have not yet tried these podcasts they make an excellent New Year's Resolution. This year there is a new one encouraging us to take up the Rosary fruitfully, but is in the process course on how to pray fruitfully.

Rosary in a Year

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup>

Catechism in a year

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

Bible in a year:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

### **"Baby and toddler group at Holy Angels**

We are starting a group for parents and carers of babies and toddlers to meet together after Friday morning mass on the second Friday of the month

Come along on - Friday 10th January 2025 for a coffee and some company, all welcome!"

### **The first Youth Gathering of 2025 is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January, after 5.30pm Mass.**

We will need you to email Gloria or sign up on the sign up sheet at the back of each church. If no sign up then the gathering will not happen.

This year we pray for flourishing of our young people gathering together. Come along and share ideas of what you would like to be involved with the youth of our parishes in the year 2025.

### **50 % of couples who divorce regret their decision**

In 2024, Retrouvaille England and Wales helped over 70 couples bring hope and healing back into their marriage

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. We help couples whose relationships '*need a little help*' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. Retrouvaille international recently did a survey of past couples who experienced the programme - **75% of couples** were still together five years later - the feedback was that it restored trust and healing to their marriage where other strategies had failed.

We do not offer counselling but a programme where couples learn tools to restore trust in their marriage - that's what 'Retrouvaille' means - *to rediscover love or relationship*.

Pope Francis recently wrote in his book: "Hope Is A Light In The Night" :

*Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.*

Sadly - for some couples this will be their last Christmas together as they have lost hope -we can offer them help for their marriage (and for children involved) - in this Year of Hope.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ... **27 February to 2 March 2025**

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