

CHRISTMAS 2024

South Bucks Pastoral Area



**“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.”**

John 1:14

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Friday 20th December
Service of Reconciliation at 7:30pm

- Saturday 21st December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Vigil Mass at 6pm
- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Mass at 11am
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
Vigil Family Mass at 5pm
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Mass at 11am
- Saturday 28th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Vigil Mass at 6pm
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Mass at 11am
- Saturday 4th January** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Vigil Mass at 6pm
- Sunday 5th January** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Mass at 11am

AN ADVENT PEOPLE

God of light, shine forth, show us how to bring hope to others. God of mercy, help us to comfort your people and share in their joy. God of hope, make us an Advent people, preparing the way for life in all its fullness. *Amen.*

ST COLUMBA

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Wednesday 11th December
Evening of Reflection, Adoration & Contemplative Music
at 7:30pm

Sunday 22nd December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Mass at 9am and 6pm

Tuesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*
Carols at 7:30pm, Christmas Mass at 8pm

Wednesday 25th December *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Mass at 9am

Sunday 29th December *Feast of the Holy Family*
Mass at 9am and 6pm

Sunday 5th January *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Mass at 9am and 6pm

BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree which brings beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home. May your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree, all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights. We wait for the coming of the Christ, the days of everlasting justice and of peace.

You are our God, living, reigning, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church
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Monday 16th December

Advent Reconciliation Service & Confession at 7pm

- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm
Parish Mass at 9am
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
No Morning Mass
Carols at 7pm; Christmas Vigil Mass at 7:30pm
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Christmas Mass at 9am
- Friday 27th December** Adoration at 9am
Mass at 9:30am
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm
Parish Mass at 9am
- Tuesday 31st December** Mass at 9:30am
- Wednesday 1st January** *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
Mass at 9:30am **at St Aidan's**
(Joint Mass for Our Lady's and St Aidan's Parishes)
- Friday 3rd January** **No Mass**
- Sunday 5th January** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm
Parish Mass at 9am

ST AIDAN

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Tuesday 17th December

Advent Reconciliation Service & Confession at 7pm

- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm
Parish Mass at 11am
- Monday 23rd December** Mass at 9:30am
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
Family (Nativity) Mass at 5pm
Carols at 11:30pm *followed by*
Midnight Mass
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Christmas Mass at 11am
- Thursday 26th December** **No Mass**
- Friday 27th December** Adoration at 6:30pm
Mass at 7pm
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm
Parish Mass at 11am
- Monday 30th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Wednesday 1st January** *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
Mass at 9:30am
(Joint Mass for Our Lady's and St Aidan's Parishes)

Thursday 2nd January **No Mass**

Friday 3rd January **No Mass**

Sunday 5th January *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm
Parish Mass at 11am

OUR PASTORAL AREA

Patron – Saint Monica
Dean – Rev Mgr Provost Seán Healy

The **Pastoral Area Council** (PAC) is made up of clergy and lay representatives from each parish. It meets bi-monthly to communicate parish news, strengthen relationships and progress pastoral area-wide initiatives.

Bishop David writes: 'The Pastoral Area Council is an opportunity to focus our reflection about what it means to be a missionary disciple. The Church is an apostolic community that receives the life of the Spirit for mission.'

As parishes Bishop David asks us: 'To be generous; in your prayer of intercession for the parish communities within your Pastoral Area, in your seeking the way forward to encourage a communion of collaboration between these communities, in your vision for the way forward and how we can reach out in welcome to those who are called to belong to the Body of Christ but need our encouragement and accompaniment.'

Pastoral Area Councils exist to serve the mission of the Church in their local area. They offer opportunities to undertake new projects together and enhance the life of individual communities. They connect people across a locality, sharing experience, talent and opportunities for growth. They facilitate the fulfilment of our baptismal vocation.

Bishop David says: 'A Pastoral Area is not a set of identical units, with each congregation having to function in the same way. As St Paul writes, we are a body, with different skills and functions. Because of its variety, not despite it, the Pastoral Area can be a representation of the Body of Christ. The role of the Council, and the Dean and Chair in particular, is to hold that tension creatively and use it for the building of the Kingdom.'

“Nothing is far from God.”

St Monica

Saint Monica, model of patience, prayer and perseverance, intercede for us, that we, too, may be awakened to the sacred and trust in God's perfect timing. *Amen.*

ST AUGUSTINE

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Sunday 15th December

Carol Service at 3pm

- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm
- Monday 23rd December** Mass at 9:30am
Confessions from 11am to 12 noon
Confessions from 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
Mass at 9:30am
Children's Nativity Service at 11am
Midnight Mass for Christmas *with*
Carols from 11:30pm
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Mass at 9am and 11am
No Evening Mass
- Thursday 26th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Friday 27th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Saturday 28th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm
- Monday 30th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Tuesday 31st December** Mass at 9:30am
Vigil Mass for the New Year at 11pm

Wednesday 1st January *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
Mass at 9:30am

Thursday 2nd January Mass at 9:30am

Friday 3rd January Mass at 9:30am

Saturday 4th January Mass at 9:30am

Sunday 5th January *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm



ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

St Wulstan's Catholic Church
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Sunday 8th December

Carol Service at 4pm at St Wulstan's

Sunday 22nd December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace
Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's
Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*
No Morning Mass at St Wulstan's
Vigil Mass for Christmas at 6:30pm
at Our Lady of Grace
Midnight Mass for Christmas *with*
Carols from 11:30pm at St Wulstan's

Wednesday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace
Thursday 26th December	Mass at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace
Friday 27th December	Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's
Sunday 29th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace
Tuesday 31st December	Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's
Thursday 2nd January	Mass at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace
Friday 3rd January	Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's
Sunday 5th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace

BLESSING OF A NATIVITY SCENE

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how we along with the angels and animals found Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WATCH OVER MY FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

I ask you, Lord to watch over my family. Keep them in your care. Protect them from harm. Guard them from danger. Preserve them from all evil. May your goodness abide in our thoughts, your love in our hearts, your peace in our homes. Grant to my family the grace to live in harmony, ready to forgive, eager to show kindness to one another, and to all they meet, so that wherever they go in life they may know they are loved and cared for by You. *Amen.*

ST DUNSTAN

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- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Mass at 10am
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
Children's Nativity Mass at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Christmas Day Mass at 10am
- Friday 27th December** Mass at 9:30am
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Mass at 10am
- Tuesday 31st December** *New Year's Eve*
Mass at 9:30am

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

In turning on the light of the Christmas tree, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities or darkness. ... Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the Christmas tree.

Peace on earth to men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all. Dear brothers and sisters, 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given': he is the 'prince of peace.' Let us welcome him!

Let us try to partake of the true Christmas, that of Jesus, who draws near to us — God-with-us, close to us — in order to receive the grace of this celebration, which is a grace of closeness, love, humility, and tenderness.

ST TERESA

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Thursday 19th December

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm

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| Saturday 21st December | Mass at 9:30am
Mass at 6pm |
| Sunday 22nd December | <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass at 8:45am and 11:30am |
| Tuesday 24th December | <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Children's Crib Service at 4pm
Carols at 9:15pm <i>followed by</i>
Christmas Vigil Mass at 10pm |
| Wednesday 25th December | <i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i>
Christmas Day Mass at 9am and 11am |
| Thursday 26th December | Mass at 9:30am |
| Friday 27th December | Mass at 9:30am |
| Saturday 28th December | Mass at 9:30am
Mass at 6pm |
| Sunday 29th December | <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
Mass at 8:45am and 11:30am |
| Tuesday 31st December | <i>New Year's Eve</i>
Mass at 9:30am |
| Wednesday 1st January | <i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>
Mass at 10am |

ST JOSEPH

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Saturday 21st December

Advent Retreat led by Fr Matt Blake OCD

10am Mass until 1pm *including*

Advent Service of Reconciliation at 12 noon

Sunday 22nd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5:30pm

Mass at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

Community Carol Service at 3pm

Monday 23rd December

Mass at 7am and 9am

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

No Morning Mass

Christmas Mass at 5pm [**NOT a Nativity Mass**]

Carols at 9:30pm; Christmas Mass at 10pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 7:45am, 9am [Nativity Mass] and 11am

No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December

Mass at 10am

Friday 27th December

Mass at 10am

Saturday 28th December

Mass at 10am

Sunday 29th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5:30pm

Mass at 7:45am, 9am and 11am

No Evening Mass

Monday 30th December

Mass at 10am

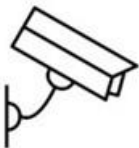
Tuesday 31st December

Mass at 10am

Wednesday 1st January	<i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 10am
Thursday 2nd January	Mass at 10am
Friday 3rd January	Mass at 10am

As from Saturday 4th January Mass times as normal

Saturday 4th January	Mass at 10am
Sunday 5th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm Mass at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm



All Christmas and New Year Masses at St Joseph's Church will be live streamed. This enables those not able to attend church in person to watch and listen to what is happening during the services as they are broadcast in real time.

www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live

THE MOST HOLY NAME

Old Mill Road, Denham, Near Uxbridge, Buckinghamshire near to UB9 5AR

Sunday 22nd December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Mass at 9:30am
Tuesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Carols at 8:30pm; Christmas Mass at 9pm
Wednesday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 29th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 5th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Mass at 9:30am

BRIDGETTINE CONVENT

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Sunday 22nd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm

Mass at 9am

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Carols at 7:30pm; Christmas Mass at 8pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 9am

Sunday 29th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm

Mass at 9am

Sunday 5th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm

Mass at 9am

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. *Amen.*

ST PETER

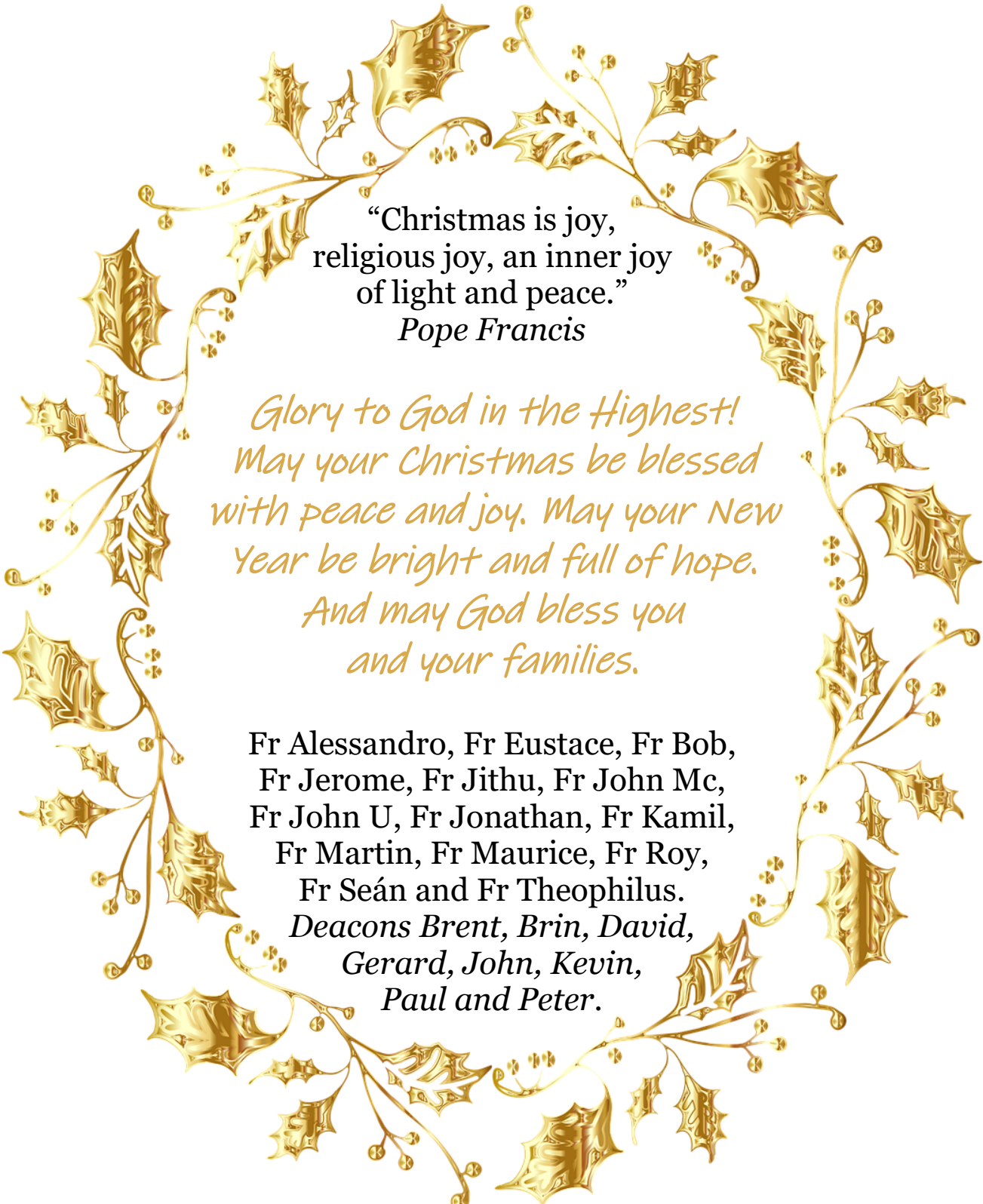
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- Sunday 22nd December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm
- Monday 23rd December** Holy Mass at 10am *followed by*
Confessions until 12 noon
Confessions from 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
Holy Mass at 10am *followed by*
Confessions until 12noon
Christmas Children's Mass at 3pm and 5pm
Mass During the Night at 9pm *preceded by*
Carols from 8:30pm
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Mass of Dawn at 9am
Mass During the Day at 11am
- Thursday 26th December** Holy Mass at 10am
Friday 27th December Holy Mass at 10am
Saturday 28th December Holy Mass at 10am
- Sunday 29th December** *Feast of the Holy Family*
Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm
- Wednesday 1st January** *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
Holy Mass at 10am
- Sunday 5th January** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm



“Christmas is joy,
religious joy, an inner joy
of light and peace.”

Pope Francis

*Glory to God in the Highest!
May your Christmas be blessed
with peace and joy. May your New
Year be bright and full of hope.
And may God bless you
and your families.*

Fr Alessandro, Fr Eustace, Fr Bob,
Fr Jerome, Fr Jithu, Fr John Mc,
Fr John U, Fr Jonathan, Fr Kamil,
Fr Martin, Fr Maurice, Fr Roy,
Fr Seán and Fr Theophilus.
*Deacons Brent, Brin, David,
Gerard, John, Kevin,
Paul and Peter.*

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South Bucks Pastoral Area

serving the parishes of

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan, St Augustine,
St Columba, St Dunstan, St John Henry Newman, St Joseph, St Peter and St Teresa

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