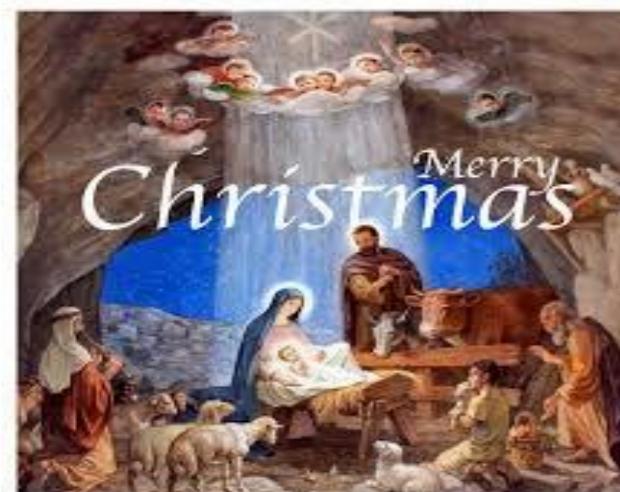


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The Nativity of the Lord 25th December 2025

A Christmas message from your Parish Priest - Dear Parishioners, All Peace & Good! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very blessed and grace-filled Christmas. This will be my first Christmas as a parish priest, and I am very grateful to God that I have been able to enjoy these Advent weeks of preparation among such a joyful and faith-filled parish community. Christmas is a time when, no matter what might be going on in our busy world, we can put everything down and gaze upon Jesus – Our Saviour – in the crib. The baby Jesus reminds us that God loves us, that He desires to be with us and to save us, and that He longs to be the Lord of our lives and our hearts. The Blessed Virgin Mary shows us how to respond, perfectly, to God's grace and action in our lives: with a listening heart, with a loving trust and with an unrestricted openness to the movements of His Holy Will. Thank you all for your prayers, kindness and support. On behalf of the friars, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas!

On this holy night, gathering in darkness, looking to the light, there is something altogether magical in the air: a gathering energy, a heart-warming spirit of expectation, and a beautifully decorated church telling us of this special and solemn feast. A church fuller than it usually ever is, speaks of our hunger for the good news of this blessed evening. Everything we believe about the mystery of darkness and light, death and life, power and humble love, are summed up tonight. Let us celebrate Christmas tonight with renewed hope. Let us be drawn into its wonder and joy. Let us pray for the gift of peace: Lord, It seems like the darkness has lasted so long and now in the silence of this night I feel with a deep joy, the breaking light of your presence. Welcome, Lord! Welcome to this earth and into our lives in this new way. I have longed for you to come into my life and to be with me - and you are. I feel now a glimmer of the pure happiness and peace that awaits us in your glory. My heart bursts with joy and my spirit leaps with longing. You have come! Thank you, Lord!



May the joy and peace of the birth of Jesus fill your heart and home. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, may His love bring you hope, comfort, and faith. May God bless you and your family at Christmas and always.
All Peace and Good

Fr. Gerard Mary, Fr. Maximilian & Br. Paul

MASS TIMES

Saturday	9am [Morning Prayer in Church] 9:30am [Holy Mass] 11:00am [Baptisms] 12-1pm [Confessions] 6.00 pm [Vigil Mass]
Sunday	8.00 am. 10.00 am. and 12.00 noon
Weekdays	12.00 noon [Tuesday – Friday]
Holidays	10.00 am.
Confessions	Tues & Fri: 11:15 – 11:45 & Saturday: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Exposition	Tues & Fri: 11:15 – 11:45
St Anthony Devotions.	Tuesday: 12:00 noon (after Holy Mass)
Baptisms.	Register for Preparation Programme by e-mail to the Parish Office.
Marriage.	By appointment (6 months' notice required).

Christmas Masses

Sunday 21st December

Holy Mass will be celebrated at the usual times of; 6pm Saturday vigil,
8:00am, 10.00am, and 12 noon

Christmas Eve Evening Masses

6:00pm (Children's Mass)
9:00pm (Midnight mass)

Christmas Day Masses

9:00am
11:00am

Boxing Day Mass Sunday 28th December

10:00am

Sunday 28th December New Year's Eve

Holy Mass will be celebrated at the usual times of; 6pm Saturday vigil,
8:00am, 10.00am, and 12 noon

New Year's Eve

12 noon

Thursday 1st January

12 noon

Supporting the Parish Through Standing Orders

If you would like to make regular donations to the parish without using cash, you have the option to set up a standing order. Gift Aid can still be applied to standing order donations, allowing us to make the most of your generosity.

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