

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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**Saturday 21st December/ Sunday 22nd December 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)  
(DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS)**

**“THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS”**

**Saturday 28th December/ Sunday 29th December 2024**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



**SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:**

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, , Hazel Smith , John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O’Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Noel McCormack, Bob and Martha Botelho and Peter McDonagh.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Olive Harris, Maud McCarthy, Zdzislaw Duzniak, Alina Kordaszewska, Emilia Kordaszewska, Anita Peagram, Donald Butler, Mgr. John Roche, Edit Moynihan, Shirley De Prazer, Bridget Llewelyn, Peter Wallace, Louis Dawson, Mieczyslaw Dzierza, Walter Petchy, Mary Bolton, Eleanor Firmen, Irene Fitzsimmons, Janet Williamson, Ellen Beardwell, Doris Abrams, Anne Warwick, Jim Ryan, Annie Geraghty, Nicola Berriman, Czeslaw Olechnowicz, Rita Warren, John O’Sullivan, Yadollah Jahanfar, Mary Yeulett, Eileen Buchanan, Isabella Ray, Anne McAuliffe, Marie Goodwin, Joseph Hill, Veronica Lynch, Kathleen Doran, Constance Minett, James Cattigan, Margaret Tozer, Erna Seneker and Stephanie McLaughlin.

**May they rest in peace.**

**OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS:**

The office will be open Christmas Eve and then will not re-open until Thursday 2nd January. If you need Fr David urgently, please leave a message on the answerphone and he will get back to you as soon as he is able to.

**PRAYERS:** It is with great sadness that we announce that Val Reynolds (previously Hurdidge) died peacefully with all her family around her on Monday 16th December.

Val had been part of our School and Parish for many, many years. She was Deputy Head at St Francis and Headteacher at St Teresa’s in Lexden and until earlier this year, was still on the board of Governors at St Francis School.

Please remember Jim and all Val’s family and friends at this sad time. As soon as we have the detail’s of her Funeral we will let you know.

**May she rest in peace.**

**FLOWER APPEAL:** This weekend (Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd December) there will be a second collection for our “**FLOWER FUND**”. Please give generously to enable our voluntary flower ladies to keep our Church looking so beautiful. Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes. Donations can also be dropped into the Presbytery marked “**FLOWERS**”.

**Thank you.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S SERVICE—2.00pm:**

Once again there will be a Children's Service on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to take part please contact Jacqui Leech at:

**email: [jacquileech65@gmail.com](mailto:jacquileech65@gmail.com)**

**All children are welcome to attend both the service and the Christmas Party afterwards.**

**THE ORIGINAL PAINTING ON WHICH ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE BASED**

Local artist and parishioner, Tony Sabin has kindly donated the original framed picture of our beautiful Church and Presbytery to raise funds for the Church. It would usually retail at £250.00 and the best offer **over** this amount will enable the person to purchase this fine piece of artwork.

**Pop a sealed envelope into Clare at The Presbytery.**

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:**

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**, led by Bp Alan, will be from Friday 18 July – Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow. We hope you will join us.

My warm regards,

**Paul Keane**

**Revd Fr Paul J. Keane**

**Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament take place on Saturday mornings between 10.30am and 11.30am. **There won't be any Confessions or Exposition on Saturday 28th December and Saturday 4th January.**

**BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome Ronnie and Ritchie Purcell into the family of the Church. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) (Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)</b> Saturday 21st December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22nd December</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Davies RIP (A) (McLaughlin) &amp; Jock Eric Kiddle RIP (A) (Kiddle) &amp; Mario Falzarano RIP (B'day) &amp; Ella and Bill Weston RIP (A) (Weston)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ints Helen Bonner and Family (McNulty)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary McDermott, Marion Jackson and Patrick McDermott RIP (Mark and Anne)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 23rd December</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 24th December <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> <i>Weekday Mass of Christmas Eve</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>First Mass of Christmas</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Night Mass of Christmas</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9.30am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6.00pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.00pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark Digby RIP (Digby Family) &amp; Anita Paul RIP (Bill)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Valerie Reynolds RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 25th December <i>Mass of Christmas Morning</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass of Christmas Morning</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9.00am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11.00am</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anne Mahon, Mary B. Balbi, Michael Patrick Mahon and Raymond McNulty RIP (McNulty) &amp; Christopher Burgess RIP (Mark and Anne)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alan Doleman RIP Fr Noel Daly RIP (Doleman)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 26th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass of St Stephen, The First Martyr</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.00am</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Toussain Villeneuve RIP (A) (Kiddle) &amp; Ints Kathleen, Gwen, Janet and Kate (Leyden)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 27th December <b>ST JOHN, Ap, Ev</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	

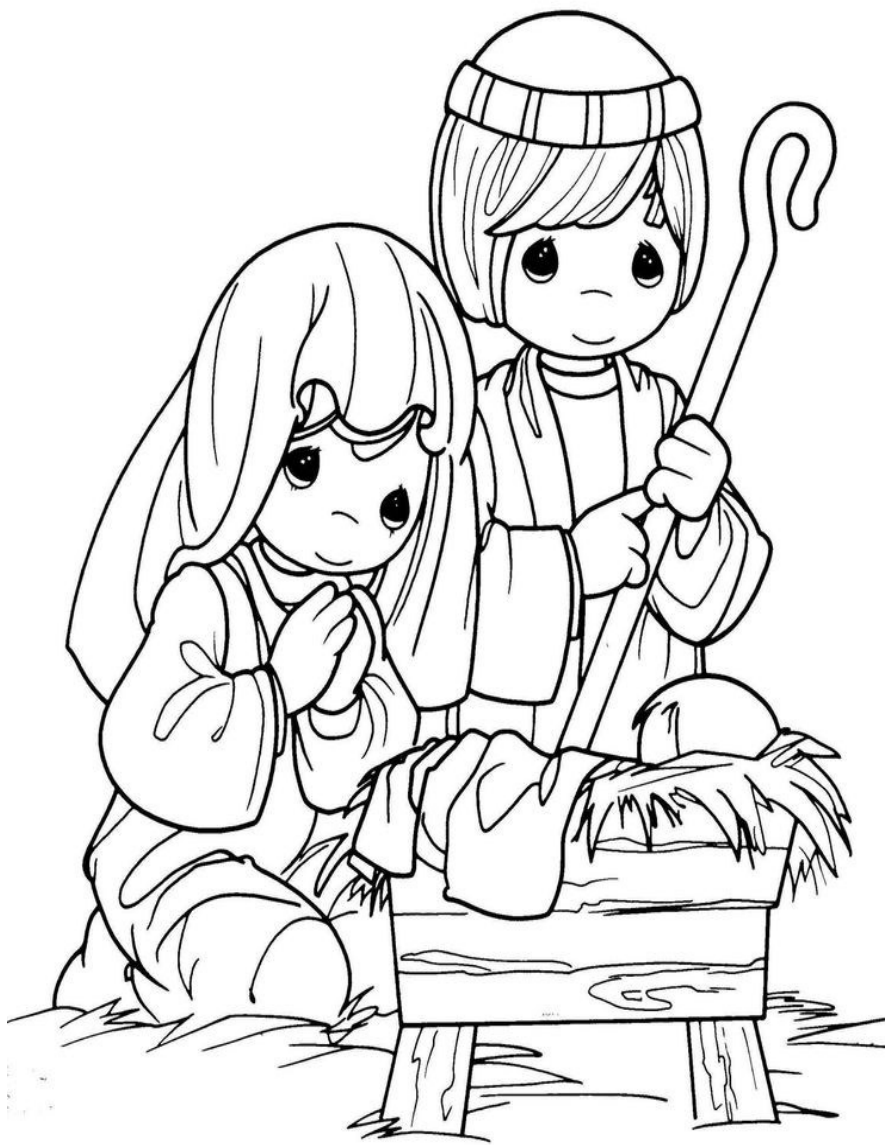


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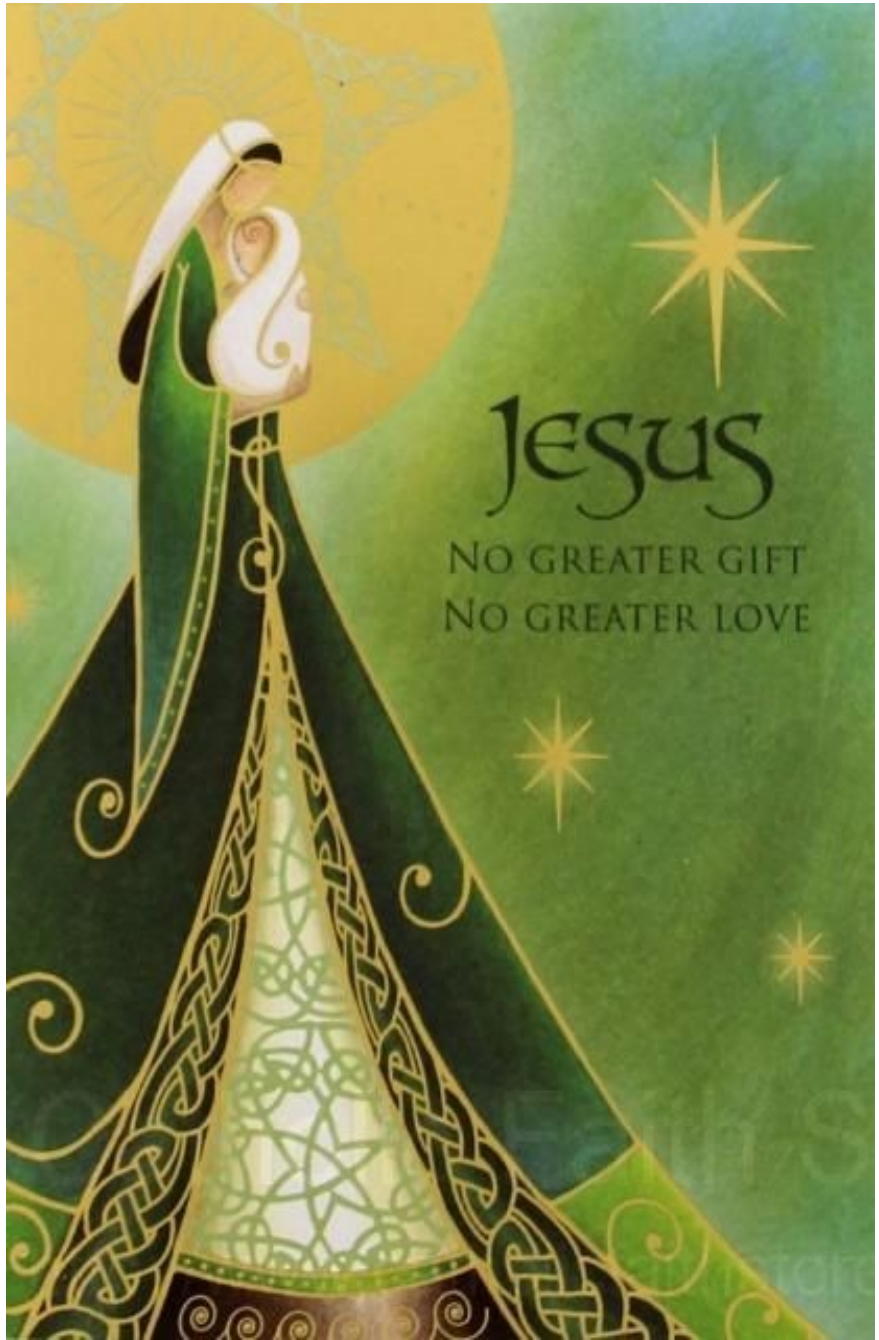
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<p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b> Saturday 28th December</p> <p>Sunday 29th December</p>	6.00pm	Ints Norma and Family (Digby Family) & Prayers for the Soul of Joseph D'Lord (Norma)
	9.00am	Michelle Vincent RIP (A) (Lewer)
	11.00am	Daniel Finbar Smith RIP (Rita Smith)
Monday 30th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 31st December	9.30am	Sean Gilbert RIP (Shepherd Family)
<p>Wednesday 1st January <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (C)</b></p>	10.00am	Ints Mary O'Keeffe
<p>Thursday 2nd January <b>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dd</b></p>	9.30am	Ints Bill (Church Ladies)
Friday 3rd January	9.30am	Sheila Turner-Maynard RIP (Dinan Family)
<p><b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)</b> <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> Saturday 4th January</p> <p>Sunday 5th January</p>	6.00pm	Jeanette Aboujahoudi RIP (A) (Kiddle) & Stephanie McLaughlin RIP (A) (McLaughlin)
	9.00am	Martyn Richardson RIP (Mohan)
	11.00am	Special Intentions



# JESUS

NO GREATER GIFT  
NO GREATER LOVE