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The Month of December is dedicated to The Immaculate Conception

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Sunday, 28th December 2025(A)

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Irene Turner RIP

11.15 a.m. DeVilly Family

Monday **ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
BISHOP, MARTYR (and our
patronal saint)**

10.00 a.m. Doreen Dorrell

Tuesday (Totley) Octave of Christmas

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday Octave of Christmas

10.00 a.m. The Murphy and O'Keeffe Families

Thursday **MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10.00 a.m. Maureen Madden RIP

Friday Ss Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops and doctors.

10.00 a.m. November Dead List

Saturday The Holy Name of Jesus

NO MASS

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m. Richard and Hilda Kemp

NO Exposition, Rosary and Confessions

Pray for our sick: Elizabeth Watson,
Philomena McNally, Anne McPhee,
Anne-Marie Fletcher, Paul Smith,
Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton,
Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton,
Oliver Wragg, Sheila Hurst, and
Sue Jarman.

Lately dead; Nuala Jones (mother of
Simon) RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 84

R: Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways





I would like to thank everyone who helped prepare the church for Christmas in any way - cleaning, decorating, flower arranging, serving, singing and all other ministries. It is very much appreciated. The church looked beautiful.

I would also like to thank all of you for your generous Christmas offerings, cards, good wishes and gifts. I am truly grateful.

Thank you also to everyone who helps and supports the parish throughout the year in whatever way, There are so many individuals and groups involved in keeping the parish functioning. We can't do it without you. Thank you so much for all you do. Please keep it up in 2026.

And..... New helpers are always welcome. If you can help the parish in any way, please let me know. Christmas Peace and Blessings for the new year to you all.

Fr Clement



Additional weekday Masses this coming week

In addition to the usual Tuesday (Totley), Wednesday and Friday (Meadowhead) Masses there will also be Masses at 10.00am at Meadowhead on **Monday 29th December** and on **Thursday 1st January** for the feast day of our patronal saint, Thomas of Canterbury, and the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God respectively.

Please note that Friday's Mass will be at 10.00am, and that there will be no morning Mass or Exposition at Meadowhead on Saturday 3rd January.

Christmas Memory Tree - Once again our Christmas Tree is a Memory Tree. There is still time for you write your message in memory of your departed loved ones on one of the paper stars that are in the basket on the side table. Please leave your completed stars in the adjacent plastic basket and they will be hung on the trees later.

Your intentions will be remembered at all Masses throughout Christmastide. The stars are £1 each, and the proceeds will go **to The Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust.**

1st Sunday collections: ...Give to Live, the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the basket on the Offertory Table, will be next Sunday, the first in the month – small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity last month which raised £146.50 - plus £118 Give to Live 100 Club profits.



....and tinned tuna and meat, particularly ham, for St Wilfrid's Centre. Thank you.

Advent Offertory Collections.



Many thanks for all your generosity throughout Advent bringing Christmas blessings throughout our wider community.



Your generous support of the collections for St Wilfrid's, the SVP, Ben's Centre and Hallam Caritas (**£484.69!!**), and - in mid-November - for Grace Food Bank was truly wonderful.





Happy Christmas



Crib Offerings

Our Crib offerings this year will go to the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. Thank You



Celebrating our Parish's Patron Martyr Saint Tomorrow, Monday 29th December, is the feast day of St Thomas of Canterbury. Born Thomas Becket in 1118, he gave up the wealth, trappings and security of high office - first Chancellor, then Archbishop of Canterbury - bestowed on him by his former friend, King Henry II, to oppose Henry's usurpation of church rights. This ultimately led to his murder in Canterbury Cathedral on 29th December 1170. Canonised in 1173, he remains a hero-saint down to our own times. Thomas stood firm in defence of truth and right, even at the cost of his life. We also must sometimes take a stand in the face of pressures - against dishonesty, deceit and destruction of life - even at the cost of popularity, convenience, promotion and an easy life.

If you are free, please come along to the 10.00am Mass tomorrow (Monday) morning to celebrate our patron saint and our parish community. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and mince pies in the parish rooms afterwards.

Personnel Column

Congratulations and best wishes to **Molly Upton**, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Christmas Day



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**Creation Mass: Gloria 489: Gospel Acclamation 68: Holy Holy 490:
Memorial acclamation 491-3: Lamb of God 495**



Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

God our Father, in the Holy Family of Nazareth
you have given us the true model of a Christian
home.

Grant that by following Jesus, Mary and Joseph
in their love for each other and
in the example of their family life,
we may come to your home of peace and joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - this Thursday 1st January

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of
Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Next Week's Readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE NATIVITY (A)

First Reading: *Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12; Responsorial Psalm: 147;*
Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18; Gospel: John 1:1-18*



This Week's Ministries for 27/28 December

The Season of Christmas

<i>Readers</i>	<i>5.00 p.m. Totley</i>	<i>D Hilliard, D Fletcher</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>F Green, L Grady</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>M Pybus, B Jones</i>
<i>Communion</i>	<i>5.00 p.m. Totley</i>	<i>S Davey, C Udall</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>N Parsons, C Parsons, S Jones</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>E Williamson, J McNally, M Harrison</i>
<i>Welcomers</i>	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>N Parsons</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>E Williamson</i>



Next Week's Ministries 3/4 January 2026

<i>Readers</i>	<i>5.00 p.m. Totley</i>	<i>V Coomer, D Fletcher</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>C Perryman, D Winter</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>A Willcock, B Jones</i>
<i>Communion</i>	<i>5.00 p.m. Totley</i>	<i>J Brook, K Durkin</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>R Portaluri, A Tucker, A Tucker</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>H Stones, P Corkell, S Campos</i>
<i>Welcomers</i>	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>S Jones</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>A Willcock</i>