



25 December 2022

## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Year A)

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. (Isaiah 9:1)

Faith in Focus

### If you like... then you'll love

If you like the turkey and the stuffing, the mince pies and the Christmas cake, then you'll love the Bread of Life. It is a food which takes away the hunger of loneliness, weariness and isolation. It's a daily diet which satisfies and sustains when all other products make you feel bloated or still famished. And today is the day to partake of the Bread of Life. For today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

If you like the pre-prandial sherry or bubbly, the hot punch, the Chardonnay with the fish and the Shiraz with the meat, then you'll love the Wine of Gladness. It's vintage stuff that takes you beyond feeling just heady and leads you to a deep sense of joy that mere pleasure can never know. And today the Wine of Gladness is decanted for Christians everywhere. For today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

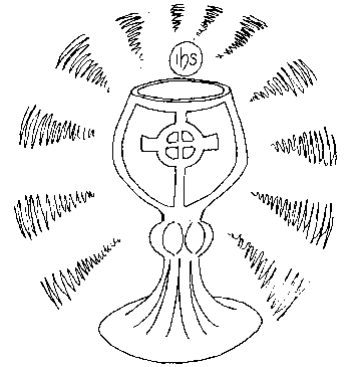
If you like the carols, the Christmas songs, the seasonal hymns and the Christmas spectaculars, then you'll love the Eternal Song of Praise. For a child has come whose birth caused angels to sing, and whose life is a song to the everlasting praise of God. And today is a day to make yourself part of that

chorus. For today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

If you like the life and laughter, the party games, the jokes in the crackers and the fun around the table, then you'll love the Life Which Never Ends. For this is a way of living that makes sense of our existence, which fosters and promotes all that is good about being human, and which unites us with those who have gone before us in faith. And today is a perfect opportunity to sign up to that way of living once more. For today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

And if you like giving and receiving, if you're meticulous about getting the right sort of gift wrapping for your presents or are the type who can't wait to rip the package open to see what's inside, then you'll love The Gift. And at Christmas our Giving God gives us the greatest gift that we could ever wish for, in an act of self-giving that encourages us to respond in kind. For today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

Have a very Happy Christmas!



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Our Lady & Saint Philomena

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## Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and energy so generously to our churches. Your efforts and dedication throughout the year are very much appreciated. May God's blessing and grace be with you and your families at Christmas and throughout the year. Fr John.

## Grace for Christmas lunch

To help mark that it's Christ's birthday we're celebrating, let us pray as a parish this grace before our Christmas meal.

Heavenly Father,  
Love came down on Christmas Day,  
and love brings us together now  
to share this Christmas meal.  
We ask you to bless our food  
and all of us here.  
We remember those we love  
who are not with us today,  
but who remain with us in spirit.  
With grateful hearts,  
we thank you for all the blessings  
you have given us this year  
and we pray for peace in families  
and nations around the world.  
Amen.

## Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)  
Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)  
YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

## QR code

Scan this QR code for access to the Mass readings. If the QR code does not work, download a QR code reader from App Store or Google Play store.



## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £884.11

## Feast of Saint Stephen

Mass on Monday 26 December is at 12 noon at Holy Name.

## Feast of the Epiphany

We welcome children from Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena Catholic Primary schools to our Masses on Friday 6 January 2023.

There is an additional Mass on Thursday evening for those who may be working on Friday morning.

## Christmas message from the Archbishop

The Christmas message from Archbishop Malcolm is available to read on the parish website and church noticeboards.

## Thank you from Sr Kathleen

Thank you for your very generous contributions to our Christmas hampers. All helped to give a little cheer to some families. You're always so kind. May your Christmas be blessed for you and your family with peace, joy and good health.

## Newsletter next week

There will be no newsletter next week. Double issue this week!

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>			
<b>Saturday 24th Christmas Eve</b>	2.00 pm	HMP Altcourse	Derek Hindley
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Christmas intentions</b>
	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Christmas intentions</b>
<b>Sunday 25th Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Christmas intentions</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>People of our Parishes Theresa Stoneley</b>
Monday 26th	12 noon	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
Tuesday 27th	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Eucharistic service</b>
Wednesday 28th	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Eucharistic service</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Eucharistic service (Followed by Novena)</b>
Thursday 29th	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Eucharistic service</b>
Friday 30th			No service
<b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</b>			
Saturday 31st	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
Sunday 1st	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Donna Roberts, birthday remembrance
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently  Ann Davies, Linda Smedley, Margaret Milne  May they rest in peace</p>			
Mass is uploaded daily to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26">https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26</a>			

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	11.00 am	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
Monday 2nd			No service
Tuesday 3rd	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Ann Davies, RIP</b>
	1.30 pm	HMP Altcourse	Mureah Heaten
Wednesday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Christmas intentions (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
	7.00 pm	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
Friday 6th The Epiphany	9.30 am	Holy Name	Christmas intentions
	10.30 am	St Philomena	Christmas intentions
<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>			
Saturday 7th	5.50 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Mrs Gwen Evans, lately dead
Sunday 8th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Claire Smith Benson, 12 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Stacey Roden, lately dead

## Parish office

The parish office will be closed from Friday 24 December and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

## Catholic Post - Free

The January edition of the Catholic Post is available. It includes an article about the 'warm and cosy' scheme run by the Archdiocese.

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