



**Welcome to the Parish of St Mary's
with St Faith's and St Wilfrid's**



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4th Sunday of Advent 23rd Dec & 1st Sunday after Christmas 30th Dec 2018

Sunday December 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8am BCP Eucharist (Celebrant Fr Bob)
- 10am Sung Mass and children's activities
(Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)
- 11.30am Nativity Meeting at St Mary's
- 6pm Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
at St Mary's

Monday December 24th Christmas Eve

- 4pm Children's Rehearsal for Nativity at St Mary's
- 5pm **Nativity Service at St Mary's**
- 6pm Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's
- 11.30pm **Midnight Mass in all three churches**

Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day

- 9am BCP Service at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr. Bob)
- 10am **Parish Mass and Carols at St Mary's**
(Celebrant Fr. Bob)

Wednesday December 26th S Stephen

- 10am Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr. Bob)

Thursday December 27th S John

- 9.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Fr. Darcy)

Friday December 28th Holy Innocents

- 12.30pm Golden Wedding Blessing at St Mary's

Saturday December 29th S Thomas a Beckett

Sunday December 30th 1st after Christmas

- 10am **Parish Mass at St Mary's**
(Celebrant Canon Bruce)

Monday December 31st 7th Day of Christmas

Tuesday January 1st Naming of Jesus

Wednesday January 2nd Ss Basil and Gregory

- Noon Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)
- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings
and Weddings at St Mary's

- 6pm Children's work meeting at St Mary's

Thursday January 3rd Feria after Christmas

- 9.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Canon Bruce)

Friday January 4th Feria after Christmas

- 7pm Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Jenny)

Saturday January 5th Feria After Christmas

Sunday January 6th Feast of the Epiphany

- 8am BCP Eucharist (Celebrant Fr Bob)
- 10am Sung Mass and children's activities
(Celebrant Fr Bob)
- 4.30pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's

Monday January 7th

- 1.30pm Bingo at St Wilfrid's
- 5pm Choir Chaperone Meeting at St Mary's

Tuesday January 8th

- 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting at St Mary's
- 7.30pm Bellringers at St Mary's

Wednesday January 9th

- 10am Exploring the Bible at St Faith's
- 10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
- Noon Requiem Mass at St Mary's
for those named on the Stars on Trees
- 2.30pm Fellowship meets at St Mary's
- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings
and Weddings at St Mary's

Thursday January 10th

- 6pm Deanery Standing Committee meets at St Faith's
- 7.30 Organ Project Open Evening at St Mary's

Saturday January 12th

- 10.30am #Followthestar Messy Epiphany at St Wilfrid's



Sunday January 13th

- 11.30am Choir Committee at St Mary's
- 3pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's

Monday January 14th

- 1.30pm Bingo at St Wilfrid's
- 7.30pm Julian Group meets at St Faith's

Tuesday January 15th

- 7.30pm St Faith's DCC meets

Wednesday January 16th

- 10am Exploring with Canon Bruce at St Faith's
- 10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
- 2.30pm Fellowship meets at St Mary's
- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings
and Weddings at St Mary's



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Today after the morning service at St Mary's
For those who are involved with St Mary's Nativity this year, there will be a short meeting to allocate roles

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Today at 6pm St Mary's**

A traditional celebration of the Christmas Story using carols and readings—followed by Sherry and Mince

Christmas Eve

Please do come and join us for our Christmas Services

4pm Children's Rehearsal for Nativity
5 pm Nativity Service at St Mary's
6 pm Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's
11.30 pm Midnight Mass in all three churches

Christmas Day Services

**Please do come and join us to celebrate
Christmas in St Mary's Parish**

9am BCP Service
10am Parish Mass and Carols

**Churches Homeless Action
Voucher Scheme**

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to the CHA Charity. This year we have managed to raise a staggeringwill be announced on Sunday!

Christmas Card

Last chance to sign the large Christmas Card and send a message to everyone at the Church. Donate the money you then save on cards, postage etc—this year's card will raise funds for "The Children's Society"

Thank You and Merry Christmas!

A big thank you to all who have helped us over the last few weeks in welcoming our guests, cleaning, tidying and decorating the Church and supporting our services with music, reading and serving.
It has been a great team effort
—so thank you to everyone!

*On behalf of all
the Ministry Team
and the Admin Team
I wish you a Happy Christmas !
Father Bob*

Fr Darcy

As you know Fr Darcy will be leaving us on Sunday Feb 3rd. We will gather as a Parish at 10am at St Mary's. If you would like to make a donation to a farewell gift please do so in a marked envelopes

**Follow the Star ...Messy Epiphany
Saturday Jan 12th St Wilfrid's 10.30am—1pm**
We will be hosting our first ever 'Messy Church' if you are interested in finding out more please speak to Irene James or Fr Marcus.

St Mary's Charity Lunch

Just a reminder that there will be NO charity lunch in January at St Mary's. If you could kindly donate a soup for the February Lunch then please sign the sheet at the back of church

**Organ Project
Rejoice!**

For those who missed our celebrations last Sunday—we announced we have been successful in securing the first part of a Lottery grant to help repair the Organ. For more details see the leaflet in Church or ask Matt Dixon (the Project Manager)

Readings for next week

Sunday Dec 30th Holy Family
Colossians 3.12 - 17 Luke 2.41 - 52

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Christopher, our Bishop; for our Deanery and Cluster of parishes; for our Christmas celebrations and for all who will #Follow the Star; for all who visit our churches over this period that they may be aware of Christ's presence with them and experience his peace; for those for whom the season is a time of sadness or loneliness; for those who grieve and mourn at this time, especially those who have placed stars on our trees; for those who have died, especially those named on our trees, that they may rejoice in the eternal presence of Christ; for all who work over this season to provide us with our needs.

Those in need:

Ron, Jason, Christopher, Roy, Jean, Caroline, Brian, Angela, Janet, Joyce, Lee, John, Sabrina, Elizabeth, Bernie, Colin, Vicky, Pamela Hannah, Tracy Cook, Trixie, John,

Those receiving Communion at Home:

Brenda, Ken, Thelma, Mary, Terry, Margaret, Eileen, Jean, Lily, Phyll, Betty, David, Margaret, Wendy-Elizabeth, Eileen

Those who have died recently:

Sonia Hutfield

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Doreen Yates, Paul Brushwood, Sharon Pilkington, Alan Bewick, Olive Woolgar, Bernard White, Margaret Thomas, Michael Johnson, Olive Tout, Janet Goble

*If you wish us to remember anyone in our prayers -
or wish us to remember an anniversary of death -
Please sign the lists at the back of Church*