

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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4th Sunday of Advent (21/12/2025)

Sat 20 Dec	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 21 Dec	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 22 Dec		No Mass
Tue 23 Dec	9.30am	Eric & Norah Dawber, St John of Kanty, P
Wed 24 Dec	6.00pm	Family Mass for Staff and Students of the School
	8.30pm	Christmas Carol singing
	9.00pm	Christmas Midnight Mass, Parishioners
Thu 25 Dec	10.00am	For World Peace
Fri 26 Dec		No Mass

The Holy Family (28/12/2025)

Sat 27 Dec	6.30pm	For the Holy Souls, St. John, Ap, Ev
Sun 28 Dec	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £ 330.55, Envelopes: £114.50 Total: £445.05
Thank you for your generosity.

Father Philip and Deacon Joe wish all Parishioners A MOST HAPPY CHRISTMAS.
May the Child Jesus bring Peace and Happiness to all of you.

Diocesan Yearbook 2026

The new Diocesan Yearbook 2026 is available on the table at the back of the church.
Normal Bonded: £9; Spiral Bonded: £10

Christmas Flowers

Thanks to all of you who donated for the Christmas flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

Church Cleaning

It was very happy to see many parishioners taking part in church cleaning on Saturday.
May the Child Jesus Bless you all.

Christmas Mass times

24 th December	6.00pm School Christmas Mass
	8.30pm Christmas Carol singing
	9.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass
25 th December	10.00am Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Plum Cake – Raffle

We have a special Christmas Plum Cake to raffle. The raffle will be drawn this Sunday after the Holy Mass.

Quotes from Pope Leo's General Audience on 17th December:

“Christmas is just a few days away, and I imagine that in your homes the Nativity Scene, an evocative representation of the Mystery of the Nativity of Christ, is being completed or has already been completed.”

“I hope that such an important element, not only of our faith but also of Christian culture and art, will continue to be part of Christmas to remember Jesus, who, by becoming man, came ‘to dwell among us’.”

“Let us be careful not to get caught up in frenetic activity in preparing for the feast, which would lead us to experience it in a superficial way and leave room for disappointment,” he explained. “Instead, let us take the time to make our hearts attentive and vigilant as we await Jesus, so that His loving presence may become the treasure of our lives and hearts forever.”

“He is our hope. Therefore, let us joyfully await the feast of his birth and pray together with confidence: ‘Come, Lord Jesus’,” the Pope said.

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Liz Forest, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Caroline Edwards, Linda Strohacker, Eileen Iles and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel – which means, God with us. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow up to and including the words “and became man”*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: The mystery of faith.

R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God,

R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**