

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS: *Thank you all for your Kind donations. We raised £60 but one Parishioner paid for £250, which was the cost of flowers.*

POLITE NOTICE: For health & Safety & Safe Guarding reasons, could Parents kindly supervise their children at all times, especially when using the toilets, particularly in the Hall. Week by week, volunteers have the task of unblocking the toilets as they are stuffed with all sorts including large amounts of toilet tissues and nappies. This is not acceptable. It now has become a major problem which will cost a lot of money to rectify.

Christmas Envelopes: Please pick an envelope for your generous donation to the priests for all their hard work this year.

Register as a Parishioner—Kindly pick up a form if you haven't registered for your details to go on the new Parish Register. Please hand the completed form to the Parish Secretary at the Presbytery.

Kindly put all the Hymn and Mass books on the shelves at the back of the church after use. Please ensure not to give these books to the children as they rip and scribble in them.

Fourth Sunday of Advent—LOVE

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the Memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place in Christmas.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the theme is the LOVE that God has for mankind to become man and save us from death and sin.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

We repent and are sorry for the damage we have caused to our earth and one another. *Come, Lord, bearer of Love.* Guide us as we seek to straighten the paths of injustice and prepare a way for You. *Come, Lord, bearer of love.* Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change and reach out in love to others. *Come, Lord, bearer of Love.*

Amen.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (21ST DECEMBER 2025)

SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

DAILY MORNING MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK

& ADORATION: 7:30PM; FRIDAY EVENING MASS: 7:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TUESDAY: 10AM—12NOON,

WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, SUNDAY: 4:30PM—6:00PM

CONFESSIONS: BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM—6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)

BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)

DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);

TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group

SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Boero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobby, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetia Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmimo CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

Recently Deceased: Pius Aboh, Biodun Buhari, William Samuel, Pat White, Fr Patrick Gaffney CSSp, Adesina Adeleke, Francisca Mauta Nzyimi, Fr Amos Daboer, Charlotte Green, Alice Berkoh, Tom D'Arcy, Noel Collins, Thomas Michael, Rosario Santos, Mavis Woodbine, Catherine Okolo, Benjamin Kwame Anthony, Ademola Ademiluyi, Nigel Lewis, Simon De Souza, Grace Schembri, Yepaye Kobhawo, Gloria Scott, Fr Ray Blake.

Please pick up Christmas Programmes (NOTE THE TIMES OF THE Mass) also Christmas Envelopes at the back of the Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY of Advent (21/12/25) YEAR A

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|  | <u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u> | 6:30PM | RIP: Mr & Mrs Fernandez |
| | | 8:30AM | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | 10:30AM | Birthday: Veronica Addo |
| | | 4:30PM | 90 Minutes with Jesus |
| | | 6:00PM | RIP: Emmanuel & Marjorie Osammor |
| MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER <u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u> | | 9:30AM | Birthday: Laurel Curran |
| | | 7:30PM | Birthday: Elizabeth Iyizobu RIP: Lloyd Manning |
| TUESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER <u>ADVENT CONFESSIONS</u> <u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u> | | 9:30AM | Birthday: Yvonne & Willie -Gertrude |
| | | 6:30PM | Confessions till 7:20PM |
| | | 7:30PM | Lydia Cutierrez & Alejandra Boero |
| WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER <u>CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS</u> <u>CAROL SERVICE</u> <u>CHRISTMASS MIDNIGHT MASS</u> | | 9:30AM | RIP: Loi Van Tran |
| | | 6:30PM | RIP: Tom & Rita Lobo |
| | | 11:30PM | |
| | | 12:00AM | |
| THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER <u>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u> (CHRISTMAS DAY) | | 8:30AM | RIP: Beatrice, Stanley, Colleen, Charles & Richard Fernandez |
| | | 10:30AM | Thanksgiving: Chikanele Onyealisi & Clement Lawson |
| | | 6:00PM | Special Intentions: Mr & Mrs Larry Darcy |
| FRIDAY, 26TH DECEMBER <u>FEAST OF ST STEPHEN</u> | | 10:00AM | Thanksgiving: All Altar Servers of St Chad's Church |
| SATURDAY, 27TH DECEMBER <u>FEAST OF ST JOHN</u> <u>VIGIL MASS</u> | | 10:00AM | RIP: Joseph & Felix |
| | | 6:30PM | RIP: Ainsley Carr |

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| 1st collection | Gift Aid | Online/Dona | TOTAL | Tithe | MANY THANKS TO ALL |
| £325.76 | £160.63 | £596.62 | £1,083.01 | £60 | |
| Financial outgoings (this week) | | | £7,467.60 | | |

STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



FR AMBROSE AND FR FABIAN WISH EVERY PARISHIONER A MOST JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED 2026.

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FOOD DONATIONS: Kindly place all donations in the box in front of the altar to help the needy. Please do not donate expired food or opened packages for health & Safety reasons. Thank you very much.

Wednesday, 31st December— New Year's Eve Dance. Music by TNT from 8:00pm— 1:00am. Tickets £20 purchased before 1/12, thereafter £25.

Pilgrimages

A Pilgrimage through the Saints of Umbria: 25th April 2026 - 30th April 2026 - Join us for a 5 day pilgrimage through Umbria, a region known for its deep spiritual heritage and the lives of some of the Church's most beloved saints: St Francis, St Clare, St Angela of Foligno, and St Rita of Cascia. Each day includes Mass, visits to key spiritual sites, time for personal reflection, and group sharing. We'll travel to Foligno to learn about the life of the mystic St Angela, and to Cascia to honour St Rita. Whether you are drawn by the poverty of St Francis, the Silence of St Clare, the Fire of St Angela, or the suffering love of St Rita, this sacred journey offers you the space to rediscover the beauty of your own vocation. Come with and open heart. Including: 4 nights in Assisi, 1 night in Cascia; Flights from London Stansted to Perugia; Breakfast and Dinners included; Guided tours; Full religious programme; Daily Mass in beautiful locations; Visit Tomb of Carlo Acutis; Learn about St Angela of Foligno. Based on two sharing: **£1025**; Single supplement: **£95**; Deposit payment of **£500** per person when booking. Contact: enquiries@jcjourneys.com; www.jcjourneys.com; Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231

SCOTLAND—Coach trip to Scotland to visit **Scotland's national shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes** which was opened in 1922. Leaving St. Chad's Church on **Monday, 13 July early morning and returning on Friday, 17 July 2026**. Cost: twin room sharing per person is **£460** and a single room is **£570**. This includes bed and breakfast (Full English), return coach fare and excursions including the day visiting the **National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin with a full day spiritual programme including Mass**. Spaces are limited so first come first served basis.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Join Fr Ambrose for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **Saturday 8th — Friday 14th August, 2026**. The all-inclusive price is **£850/person**. Contact: enquiries@jcjourneys.com; www.jcjourneys.com; Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231.

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14;

Psalms: 24(23) *Let the Lord enter; He is the King of glory;*

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7;

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-23.