

Roman Catholic Church of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

NEWSLETTER 3rd & 4th JANUARY 2026



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JAN 2026 FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

A MESSAGE FROM FR LIJO

I wish to inform you that I will be on my annual holiday from 5 January to 6 February 2026.

During this period, the weekend Masses will be covered by Fr John Beirne from Aylesbury. We warmly welcome Fr John and thank him for his generosity in helping the parish during my absence.

Deacon Gordon will lead a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on most Tuesdays and Thursdays; please refer to the weekly newsletter for details.

In case of an emergency, please contact Deacon Gordon. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Fr Leszek, Parish Priest of Long Crendon and Haddenham, who has kindly agreed to help. His contact number is 01844 290178.

Please be assured that I will be thinking of you during my time in India, and you will be remembered in my daily prayers. I wish you all a blessed and peaceful month of January.

MISSION MEETING

The first Mission Meeting of the new year takes place this Wednesday, 7th January at 7.00pm in the Clubroom. Everyone welcome. Make 2026 the best year for our Parish with your involvement and ideas.

PARISH MINISTRIES

We are very grateful to all who help enrich our liturgical celebrations, whether behind the scenes as church cleaners and flower arrangers or in the liturgical ministries of welcoming, altar serving, proclaiming the Word, writing the Prayers of the Faithful, bringing up the Gifts in the Offertory Procession, or being a member of the choir/music ministry. We are always happy to have more people involved in any of these ministries. Formation and the necessary training will be offered. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Fr Lijo or contact Sue Bolton 01844 343424

PLEASE NOTE

There will be Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord at 10.00 am on Tuesday 6th January.

Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion service 10.00am Thursday 8th Jan

RIP

Please remember in your prayers Christine Bradshaw & Kathleen Moody, who died recently. We extend our sympathy, our thoughts and prayers to their family and friends. May they rest in Peace and find eternal comfort.

Christine's Funeral will take place here on Friday, 30th January at 12.30pm.

THE THEOLOGY OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN & ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

Tuesday 20 January, 5.30pm

In celebration of St John Henry Newman's importance for Catholic education, the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, together with the Newman Association, has developed a six-session short course designed to deepen your understanding of key themes in Newman's theology and their relevance for the Church today.

The course will be team-taught by leading theologians and delivered live online, one Tuesday evening each month.

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-theology-of-john-henry-newman-its-relevance-for-todays-church-tickets-1906599794309>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

WARDEN – ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT:

Following the retirement of our Warden, the Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden for this alms house charity, which provides sheltered housing for Catholics aged 60 or over. Competitive Salary and accommodation provided on-site in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. Day-to-day duties include assisting Trustees in fulfilling the charitable and spiritual aims of the Trust, acting as manager, administrator, and clerk to the trustees of St Scholastica's Retreat. Further details and job description can be found

www.stscholasticaretreat.org.uk/warden-vacancy

Applications close 6 Feb.

| 2 nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS | | | |
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| Sat 3 rd Jan | 6.30pm | Ted Holder - RIP | 2 nd Sunday Christmas |
| Sun 4 th Jan | 9.30am | People of Parish | 2 nd Sunday Christmas |
| Mon 5 th Jan | | NO MASS | FERIA |
| Tues 6 th Jan | 10.00am | Well-being of Muna - int | The Epiphany of the Lord |
| Wed 7 th Jan | | NO MASS | FERIA |
| Thurs 8 th Jan | 10.00am | LITURGY OF WORD/HOLY COMMUNION | FERIA |
| Fri 9 th Jan | | NO MASS | FERIA |
| Sat 10 th Jan | 6.30pm | Marie Ibbett – RIP-FM | Baptism of the Lord |
| Sun 11 th Jan | 9.30am | People of the Parish | Baptism of the Lord |
| HOLY DAY MASSES usually at 10:00 am; Baptisms and Marriages by arrangement; Confessions: on Tues – Fri before morning Mass from 9:30 - 9:50am and on request; Coffee & Company on Tuesdays from 10:30am. | | | |
| ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: William Edward Chalfont, Tony Scott, Philip Harding, Kazimierz Tyda, Donald Dexter, Francis Walford, Leslie Morris, Constance Mary Anderson, Stanislaw Kaplicz, Olga Fordham, Ellen Hollingsworth, Eileen Madeline Parrissien, William Allum, Nora Pearson, Margaret Ellen Slater, Ti Lina Cunningham, Wilfred East, Harriett Strange, Sheila Gibson, Annie Lownes McCombie, Callum Elliott | | | |

| ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10 th & 11 th Jan 2026 | | |
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| Mass | Welcomers | Readers |
| 6:30pm | Reina/Luke Hall | Trish/Katie Heatley |
| 9.30am | Maggie Wren/Simon Martin | Patricia Duggan/Dermot Kennedy |
| Offertory: Kieth/Margaret Drummond Cleaning: Robert/Fiona Moran Coffee after Sunday Mass: Victor/Anna Janssens Flowers: Jan/Fiona | | |

Last Weekend's Plate Offering £193.00

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