

# Roman Catholic Church of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

## NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT   |                   |   |                               |
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| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 6.30pm            | Andrew Leonard - RIP                                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9.30am            | People of Parish                                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  |                   | <b>NO MASS</b>                                      | Weekday of Advent             |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 10.00am           | Deceased members of McCue Family - RIP              | Weekday of Advent             |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10.00am<br>7.30pm | Roger – Intentions<br><b>Reconciliation Service</b> | Weekday of Advent             |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10.00am           |   | Weekday of Advent             |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10.00am           | People of Parish                                    | Weekday of Advent             |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 6.30pm            | Eileen Turner – Special Intention                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | 9.30am            | Julianna Maull – Special Intention                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent |
| <b>HOLY DAY MASSES</b> usually at 10:00 am; <b>Baptisms and Marriages</b> by arrangement;<br><b>Confessions:</b> on Tues – Fri before morning Mass from 9:30 - 9:50am and on request;<br><b>Coffee &amp; Company</b> on Tuesdays from 10:30am.  |                   |   |                               |
| <b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:<br>Sr Clare Champion OSS, William Rixon, Joan Mellish, Gabrielle Weitz Jack Jarvis, John Power, Josephine Lyons, Antonio Capaldi, Bridget Richardsen and Kathleen Robson, Lucy Ratters, Amy Forshaw, John Malone, William Patrick Moore, May Zacheo, Dora Crumlish, Marie Thompson. |                   |   |                               |

| ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025   |   |                                  |
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| Mass   | Welcomers                               | Readers                          |
| 6:30pm   | Celia Sparkes                           | Veronica Adsetts/Philippa Gibson |
| 9.30am   | Lovina/Ashley Patten & Shelagh Williams | Nick /Sue Jepson                 |
| <b>Offertory:</b> Cunningham Family <b>Cleaning:</b> Group cleaning on 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br><b>Coffee after Sunday Mass:</b> Mary Joseph/Margaret Cripps<br><b>Flowers:</b> No Flowers Advent |   |                                  |

Last Weekend's Plate Offering £233.92

ONLINE DONATIONS <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teresa-princes-risborough>

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC – Vigil Masses

4.00pm – Family Mass

7.30pm – Carols

8pm – Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC

9.30am Christmas Day Mass

### PARISH AND CAFOD CHRISTMAS DRAW:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the draw in so many ways - by buying tickets, contributing generously to the wonderful hampers and cake stall, helping with the setting up and by coming along to enjoy the festive warmth. Extra thanks to the choir who led a very enthusiastic audience through some much-loved carols. The winners of the hampers have all been contacted, and we will announce the final sum raised in the New Year.

### GROUP CHURCH CLEANING SESSION

Please consider helping to prepare our beautiful church to celebrate Christmas.

We will have a group session of cleaning on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.**

Even if you are only able to come for ½ an hour, it all helps and the more, the merrier!

We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

### 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>

### MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Practices for the Christmas Masses will take place as follows:

For Midnight Mass and Christmas morning Mass - 7:30pm, 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Church

For the 4pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve, from 2:45pm in the Church.

All are welcome to join either to play an instrument or to help lead the singing.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

A reminder that both Christmas and Easter offerings can now be gift-aided. Please use the envelopes that will be provided and complete and return them with your offering at Christmas. It really makes a difference. The gift aid return goes into the Parish accounts.

### ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, for our final Advent Retreat evening, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Canon John Udris, who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Canon John will be unpacking Bathsheba for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

All episodes can be found on YouTube if you are unable to watch live.

### EXPLORE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY BY DISTANCE LEARNING

Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) offers flexible Distance Learning programmes in Catholic Theology, designed to fit around work, ministry, family, or other commitments. Options include a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, and MA, as well as single modules such as *Catholic Theology: A Preliminary Tour*, and new for 2026/27, *Catholic Social Thought and Practice* and *High Medieval Franciscan Theology*. Bursary funding is available for 2026-27. For more information, including videos from current students and details of bursaries, visit Durham University's Distance Learning pages, or contact the CCS Manager, Theresa Phillips, at: [theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk](mailto:theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk) or 0191 334 3952 <https://www.durham.ac.uk>