

7th December 2024



Blessed Trinity

The Immaculate Conception

St Gerard's

To be a joyful, inclusive Christ-centred community, drawing people to know Jesus through our words and actions.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is an important date for both our parish of the Immaculate Conception and for our primary school St Mary's. It is an opportunity for us to give thanksgiving for our patron, the Immaculate Conception and celebrate the life of both the parish and the school. The Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived without original sin, that from the beginning of her conception she was being prepared for the incredible invitation to become the Mother of God. The solemnity is normally celebrated on the 8th Dec but this year as the 8th lands on a Sunday and the 2nd Sunday of Advent takes precedence, the solemnity has been transferred to Monday 9th December. Our mass that day is at 6pm with the hope that it will enable more people to attend. St Mary's School celebrated the Immaculate Conception in anticipation on Friday.

Advent Sundays

Each Sunday during Advent will have a special theme.

2nd Sunday of Advent - honouring the Immaculate Conception, patron of one of our parishes - bring your rosary beads/statues of Our Lady to be blessed.

3rd Sunday of Advent - blessing the figure of the child Jesus- bring your figure of the child Jesus from your crib to be blessed

4th Sunday of Advent - cloth for the cradle, preparing the manger.

Christmas Masses

The mass times over Christmas are as follows: Christmas Vigil Mass Dec 24th 3pm at St Gerard's. Christmas Night Mass at midnight at the Immaculate Conception. Christmas Day Mass 9am at the Immaculate Conception.

World Youth Day 2025

The Jubilee of Youth takes place at Rome during the 28 July to the 4 August. During the pilgrimage it is hoped to be present at the canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati which would be a wonderful experience for those who go. Along with the Diocese of Salford Hallam have exclusive use of the summer house Palazzola for the duration of the stay with 20 places reserved for Hallam. If you are between 16 and 30 years old and interested in going please have a word with me and I will pass on a copy of the booking form. Flights need to be booked by early February so please, if you are interested act quickly. Fr Desmond.

Financial Contributions to the Parish

Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) sort code 404107 account number 51094262

St Gerard's Thrybergh sort code 404107 account number 11095110

Anniversaries: 7th Leslie Stacey, 8th Cath Mullane, Mary Frain, Sally & Billy Corcoran, Gary Appleyard, 9th Annie Holroyd, Angela Laffey, Bernadette Weyman, Ethel Thomas, Kevin Dowd, 10th Tom & June Broughton, Susan Kershaw, Dennis Ashmore, Peter Johnson, 11th Dr. Vincent Ainsworth, Mary Mangan, 13th Elena Masham, Keith Gray, Stuart Di Tanna, Christopher Kitchen, 14th Edna Tonks, Elikutty EP, James Enovolikara, James EP, Joy Kudilil, Philphose EC, Stella Baby, Annamma Abraham, Gladys Ashmore, Ingle Dallas, 15th Jim & Tom McLaughlin, Maitland Hancock, Margaret Glennon, Pad-

dy Gurran, William Clarke, 16th John Colley, Edward Joseph Strzala, Win Woodcock, Nellie McHale, Joan Hunter, 18th Andrew Rogers, Joan Ellis, Fred Insworth, Jeanette Dearing, Valerie McClare, 19th Joan Wilson, Pauline Brogan, Susan McConklogue, 20th John Green, James O'Connor, mat Eyre, Tom Brown, 21st Elizabeth Gwynne, David McNicholas, 22nd Eileen Byod, Patrick Weyman, John Richard Price, Josephine McKay, Hannah Malone.

If you would like to add someone to our record of anniversaries please forward the details of the person's

name and date of the anniversary of their death to office@tpicr.co.uk

Recent Deaths: John Burke, Sue Smith,

Please pray for the following who are seriously ill:

Fr. James Shryan, Linda who is on end of life care, Daniel, Christopher Mangham, Linda Mangham, Will Trueman, Terry Glossop, Andy and Ellen Rodgers along with Wayne, Robert and Glenda, Owen Jenkinson, Olga Kelsall, Frank Woulfe, Michael Durkan, Mary McVeigh, Terry Browne and Hilda Flaherty.

Bible Study Group

Another short program of Bible Study will take place on the Monday evening 9th December at the Immaculate Conception after the 6pm evening mass.

Week of Guided Prayer 1st to 6th December—Perfect for busy people, deepens your relationship with God, discover new ways to pray and find help with making decisions. Its all on line, more information on the parish watts app, website and Face Book. Register here. (bar code sent to you)

St Bernard's Catholic High School will once again be holding early morning Masses in school each Wednesday during Advent starting at 8am. They would love to see you there if you can make it to any of them. The dates are 4th December, 11th December, 18th December

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of hearing

A "signed" Mass has been arranged by Caritas at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield for Sunday Dec 15th at 3pm. This will be fully signed by Jennifer Harris (BSL interpreter) along with one of the priests of the parish.

Prior to Covid, there was a well attended Mass for this group of people and we are hoping to schedule a number of such Masses throughout the Diocese. All are invited. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

St Bernerd's School Pensioners Christmas Meal.

The annual Christmas meal for pensioners hosted by St Bernard's School takes place on Tuesday 17th December 2-4pm. If you would like a free ticket then please let Fr Desmond know by Friday 13th December. This is a lovely occasion where young and old come together and enjoy each others company.

Beginning Of The Jubilee Year 2025

On Saturday 28th December at 12-30pm the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St Marie, Sheffield. This is a major celebration not only in our diocese but across the Catholic world. Please make a note of this important event and if you can, join us all at the Cathedral.

Confession: During the Saturdays of Advent (7th, 14th, 21st) Confession is available from 10-15am to 10-45am at St Gerards and from 4-15pm to 5-30pm at the Immaculate Conception. There will be the usual availability on Monday after the 10am mass. Appointments can also be arranged at other times that are more convenient.

Anointing of the Sick: This will take place at the Immaculate Conception on the 16th December at 10am and at St Gerard's 10am on Tuesday 31st December.

The weeks ahead:

Saturday 7th December	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confession 2 nd Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sunday 8 th	9am	Immaculate Conception	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
	11am	St Gerard's	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Michael Mellor
Monday 9 th	6pm	Immaculate Conception	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Parishioners past and present
Tuesday 10 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Deceased members of the Soup Slurpers
Thursday 12 th	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	For God's Grace
Friday 13 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	
Saturday 14 th December	11am	St Gerard's	St John of the Cross	Bishop Moverley
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Sue Smith
Sunday 15th December	9am	Immaculate Conception	3 rd Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Sheila Dibb
Monday 16 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	Deborah Cohen
Tuesday 17 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Kath Staves
Wednesday 18 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Bernadette Egan
Thursday 19 th	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	
Friday 20 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	
Saturday 21 st	11am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Vincent & Family Bill, Kathleen, Desmond Jenkinson
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	4 th Sunday of Advent	
Sunday 22nd December	9am	Immaculate Conception	4 th Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	4 th Sunday of Advent	Pat & Doreen Griffin

Children's Liturgy

These will take place at the Immaculate Conception on the 15th December .

Community Gathering

The next Community Gathering in the autumn will be on the 16th December at 6pm. It is a Carol Service for the wider community to which all are welcome.

After that we have fixed the dates for the next six months as follows:

20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 14 April, 19 May, and 16 June

In due course we will fix the rest.

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St Wilfrid's Centre's 2024 Christmas Card - NOW ON SALE! KEYS WITHOUT DOORS

We are delighted to reveal the design of our 2024 St Wilfrid's Centre Christmas Card. Now on Sale. The front image includes part of St Wilfrid's Centre's exhibit at a recent event organised by Shelter. The Exhibition was organised to help raise awareness of the housing emergency in Sheffield. To buy cards and other items before they sell out, come to our CHRISTMAS FAYRE or please visit our online shop:<https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/online-shop>

St Gerads notices:

If you would like to make a donation towards **Christmas flowers** for the church please see Win or Hilary.

December Thursday 12th St Gerard's Christmas party 12 - 2pm live music, special guests, great company everyone is welcome

Message from Safeguarding representatives: any church volunteers who receive an email with the following message please be aware this will be legitimate but please feel free to contact parish safeguarding rep for advice

The email is advising the volunteer that "it appears no organisation has accessed your subscription to carry out a status check within the last 12 months, consequently, your subscription has been scheduled for deactivation."

Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

Immaculate Conception: Celebrated on the 9th Dec this year the solemnity celebrates the teaching that God preserved Mary from original sin from the moment she was conceived. The Immaculate Conception is also the patron of our parish.

Saint Lucy: She is a martyr of the Church, dying during the Diocletianic persecutions at the beginning of the 4th cent. She is patron of the blind, sore throats and writers among others.

St John of the Cross: He is a mystic, priest and Carmelite who worked with St Teresa of Avila for the reform of the order. His spiritual writings have influenced many people over the centuries including St Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein (St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross), Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day and St Pope John Paul II