



21st 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.

I take this opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones and friends a blessed and Holy Christmas. May God's peace be within your heart and mind as you approach the New Year.

Fr Desmond.

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.

Finances of the Parishes 16 Nov to 15 Dec 2024

	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	ST GERARD'S
Opening Balance	£36,314.16	£22,232.87
Payments In	£6,910.01	£2,806.07
Payments Out	£8,547.92	£3552.35
Closing Balance	£34,676.25	£21,486.59

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

St Gerard's Thrybergh sort code 404107 account number 11095110

The annual assessments have been received with the Immaculate Conception set to pay £9,840 and St Gerard's £7,223. These sums will be paid to the Diocese by the end of December. An additional assessment has been introduced to help fund the care of the sick and retired clergy, the yearly cost for caring of our sick and elderly clergy totalled £126,407 for 2024. To meet this cost the Immaculate Conception has been asked to contribute £2,052 and St Gerard's £1,506 to be paid by the end of June 2025. In the New Year I will be asking both parishes to organise fund raising events to help meet the costs for the sick and retired clergy.

The repair of the arch over the choir loft at the Immaculate Conception has been completed. The estimated cost will be around £8,000 and will be confirmed in the New Year. Work in the parish house at the Immaculate Conception has recently been carried out but fortunately funding has been found to pay for this and will not be charged to the parish.

Anniversaries: 21st Elizabeth Gwynne, David McNicholas, 22nd Eileen Byod, Patrick Weyman, John Richard Price, Josephine McKay, Hannah Malone, 23rd Edgar Clarke, Andrew Ball, Ellen Maureen Unsworth, Rose Hall, 24th James Barboza, Thomas Higgins Jnr, 25th Eileen Whitehouse, 26th Alan Browne, Desie McDonnell, June Broughton, Mr&Mrs Thomas, 28th Laurence Malone, Fr, Anthony Attree, Bradley Smith, Hilda Devine, Fr Tony Flynn, 29th Abraham Joseph, Peter Fallon, Abraham Neduvampugha, Alan Wood, Deacon Bernard Gerard, 30th Ann Rossall, Veronica Feather, Madalaine

Humes, Sydney Halder, 31st Kathleen Wood, Geoffrey Soencer Dilley, Mary Mangan, 1st Jan Alice Cope, Aryadasa, Jessie Sims, 2nd Dot Nightingdale, Kenneth Nightingdale, Terence Lumb, Tom Kelsall, Mark Gwyne, 3rd Heather Yarnell, Fr Robert Woodridge, Fr Philip Kelly, 4th Maria Emerson, James Kavanagh, Roy Rookes, Winifred Egan, 5th William Lee, Mary Josephine Agus,

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: Patricia Codrington, Nicola Martin, John Davis Roe,

Please pray for the following who are **seriously ill**:

Robert Jones, 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 Mc Veigh, Terry Browne and Hilda Flaherty

Bethlehem Ball—The Bethlehem Hospice Ball raised £9,296.45p. The Trustees are very grateful to all who supported this in any way.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

The diocesan pilgrimage will take place 27 June to 3 July 2025. Booking forms can be downloaded at www.hallam-lourdes.com. Enquiries 01302 247910 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com Fare £899 6nights full board. Flights from Leeds Bradford Airport.

Beginning Of The Jubilee Year 2025

On Saturday 28th December at 12-30pm the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 will be celebrated beginning with a procession from the Anglican Cathedral in Sheffield to the Cathedral Church of St Marie, Sheffield.

After the procession the act of remembrance of baptism takes place followed by the Mass of the Holy Family. 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 of St Marie.

Church Car Park: It is always lovely to see you, all we ask is that you use the designated parking bays when parking. This allows emergency vehicles to access the grounds should they be needed.

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.

Confession: Confession is available on Saturday 28th Dec and 4th Jan at the Immaculate Conception from 5-00pm to 5-30pm. There will be the usual availability on Monday after the 10am mass. I will reintroduce the 10-15 to 10-45am confessions at St Gerard's from the 11th Jan. Appointments can also be arranged at other times that are more convenient.

Anointing of the Sick: This will take place on Tuesday 31st December at St Gerard's

Saturday 21st December	6pm	Immaculate Conception	4-15pm Confession 4 th Sunday of Advent	Kathleen & Desmond Jenkinson
Sunday 22 nd	9am	Immaculate Conception	4 th Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	4 th Sunday of Advent	Pat & Doreen Griffin
Monday 23 rd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	Private Intention
Tuesday 24 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Special Intention
	3pm	St Gerard's	Christmas Vigil Mass	Tom Higgins
	12pm	Immaculate Conception	Christmas Midnight Mass	People of the parish
Wednesday 25th	9am	Immaculate Conception	Christmas Day Mass	Peace for the World
Thursday 26 th	11am	Immaculate Conception	St Stephen, Martyr	Ciaran Mulligan
Friday 27 th	11am	Immaculate Conception	St John Apostle & Evangelist	
Saturday 28 th December	No mass	St Gerard's	Holy Innocents	
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions Holy Family of Jesus	Barry Frost
Sunday 29th December	9am	Immaculate Conception	Holy Family of Jesus	Clarke Family
	11am	St Gerard's	Holy Family of Jesus	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Sixth day of the Christmas Octave	Private Intention
Tuesday 31 st	10am	St Gerard's	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave	Moira Goulty
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	Adoration followed by Vigil Mass (6-30pm) Mary Mother of God	For Those Who need Hope
Wednesday 1st Jan	11am	St Gerard's	Mary Mother of God	Maggie Leary
Thursday 2 nd	7pm	Immaculate Conception	St Basil & St Gregory	Mary Gilligan
Friday 3 rd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Christmas Weekday	Dorothy May Kelsall
Saturday 4 th	11am	St Gerard's	Christmas Weekday	Alan Browne
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	Epiphany of the Lord	Ward & Gilligan Family
Sunday 5th January	9am	Immaculate Conception	Epiphany of the Lord	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	Epiphany of the Lord	John Burke

Community Gathering

The next Community gathering will take place on Monday 20th January at the Immaculate Conception, 6pm to 7-30pm.

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.

The outdoor nativity is now on display at the Immaculate Conception. Please come and take a look!

We are raising funds this year to replace the housing due to wear and tear over the years. If you would like to donate please leave with the office. Many thanks



Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

St Stephen — He is one of the seven men appointed as deacons in Acts Ch6. Later he was falsely charged for using blasphemous words and after he gave his defence was stoned by the crowd (Acts 7) becoming the first martyr of the Christian faith.

St John — John is one of the apostles and associated with the writing of the Gospel according to John. His brother James was another apostle of the Lord.

The Holy Innocents In the nativity narrative according to Mathew (2:16-18) Herod ordered the killing of all young males below the age of 2 years within the area of Bethlehem. Today's feast remembers those very young victims of Herod's rage.

Mary Mother of God — Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important part to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Her life as the Mother of God has a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

St Basil the Great and St Gregory — These two saints were bishops and friends who bravely stood up against the heresy of Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ. They also contributed towards the teaching of the Holy Trinity. Their focus on prayer helped to prepare them for their common mission.

100 CLUB Immaculate Conception—November winner No.104 Paddy Birmingham Final draw for 2024 will be on 28th December. Please be up to date with your payments to be included.