



6th December 2025

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.*



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**Marriage Matters** - Second Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12)  
Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focusses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change.

**Christmas Masses:** The Christmas Masses will be as follows, December 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's, Midnight Mass at the Immaculate Conception and on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 9am Morning Mass at the Immaculate Conception.

**Penitential Service:** An Advent Penitential Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception at 6-30pm onwards on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. An opportunity to be properly prepared to receive the Lord over the Christmas season.

### **Community Gathering Carol Service**

The next community gathering will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the Immaculate Conception 6pm to 7-30pm. This is also our annual community carol service, an opportunity for you to invite family and friends who are not church going but like to sing carols to come and join us. Will they come? You will only find out when you ask.

**Our Local SVP Group** is here to help and support people going through tough financial times and all done in a confidential and non judgmental way. Text 07503 121624 and someone will get back to you. Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes - you are not alone. Please reach out or share with anyone who might need help.

### **Finances of the Parishes**

If you wish to set up a standing order or make a bank transfer to one of the parish accounts the details you require are given below.

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

St Gerard's Thrybergh sort code 404107 account number 11095110

**Anniversaries:** 6th Elizabeth Skupien, June Broughton, Chrissie Elam, Joe Ross, Neil Moffitt, Peter Carney, Alan Mashman, Elena (Pappalard) Mashman, Fr Constantine Dolan, 7th Leslie Stacey, William Lyorskey, 8th Joseph Josemon

Garry Appleyard, Mary Frain, Michael and Anne Love, 9th Ethel Thomas, Annie Holroyd, 10th Susan Kershaw, Dennis Ashmore, Peter Johnson, Catherine Kitty Stacey, Tom & June Broughton, 11th Arnold Ainsworth, Dorothea Weston, Gertrude Ainsworth, Kathleen Ainsworth, Vincent Ainsworth, Mary Mangan, 12th Ikenna Idaboh, Ubadudike Idaboh, 13th Elena

Mashman, Mary Dunning, Stuart Di Tanna, Christopher Kitchen, 14th James E.P, Edna Tonks, Annamma Abraham, Gladys Ashmore, Inge Dallas, Elikutty EP, James EP, Joy Kudill, Philphose EC, Stella Baby, 15th Achamma Korah, Eileen McGreevy, Jim & Tom McLaughlin, Margaret Glennon, William Clarke, 16th John Colley, Edward Joseph Strzala, Win Woodcock, Nellie McHale, Robert Mallinson Jr, 17th Catherine Staves, Jenny Courtney 18th Joan Ellis, Fred Unsworth, Jeanette Dearing, Valerie McClare, Andrew Rodgers, 19th Babu - A M Varkey, Allan Stacy, Joan Wilson, Pauline Brogan, Susan

McConlogue, 20th James O'Connor, May Eyre, Tom Brown, 21st Elizabeth Gwynne, David McNicholas, Joseph PA

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:** Owen Jenkinson, Garry Cox, Dr Bloye, Paul Micklethwaite,

We pray for all who are ill

**Bambino Sunday** This takes place on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring to Mass your figure of the child Jesus from your crib where it will be blessed. This is a simple devotion which celebrates the final stages of Advent as we begin to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### **Enquiries about becoming a Catholic**

Several people have expressed an interest in getting to know more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested, then please text Fr Desmond on 07983142653 or email desmond.57@btinternet.com. He will arrange a time to meet and discuss when you will be able to begin your exploration of faith.

**Baptism Preparation**—Parents enquiring about the baptism of their children are

invited to two zoom meetings on Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 7th January both at 7pm. Please contact Fr Desmond on desmond.57@btinternet.com to receive a zoom invitation.

**Men's Prayer Group**—Thank you to all who came and took part in the November Men's Prayer Group. Our next Prayer Meeting will be on Monday 5th January 6-30pm at the Immaculate Conception, Herringthorpe and will be inspired by the celebration of the Epiphany.

**Fr May's Birthday**—Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare for the thanksgiving Mass for Fr Len May's 100th birthday and to all who came and took part in the celebration. In Fr May's own words, 'thank you from the bottom of my heart'

**Confession:** Confession at St Gerard's 10-30am on the 20th December and at the Immaculate Conception 5-15pm on the 13th and 20th December and on Mondays after the 10 am Mass.

There will also be a **Penitential Service** at the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 23rd December at 6-30pm.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This will take place at the Immaculate Conception during the 10am Mass on Monday 22nd December and at St Gerard's at the 10am Mass on the 31st Decem-

**Children's Liturgy**—The next Children's Liturgy available at the Immaculate Conception is on the 13th December at the 6pm Mass. If you are interested and would like to help and especially with re-establishing the Childrens Liturgy at St Gerard's please let us know at [office@tpicr.co.uk](mailto:office@tpicr.co.uk)

The Weeks ahead:

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	4:45pm 6pm	Confession 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Annabelle Esico
Immaculate Conception	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	POP
St Gerard's		11am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Kitty, Ted, Vincent & Lucy Glennon
Immaculate Conception	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	The Immaculate Conception	The Parish & the School
St Gerard's	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Weekday of Advent	
St Gerard's	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Weekday of Advent	Holy Souls
Immaculate Conception	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	6-30 7pm	Adoration Weekday of Advent	Finbar Nolan
Immaculate Conception	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	In Thanksgiving
Immaculate Conception	<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	11am	Requiem Mass	Owen Jenkinson
Immaculate Conception		5pm 6pm	Confession 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	In Thanksgiving
Immaculate Conception	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	Jason France
St Gerard's		11am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Gaudete	POP
Immaculate Conception	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	No Mass	Weekday of Advent	
St Gerard's	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Weekday of Advent	Bernadette Egan
St Gerard's	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Weekday of Advent	Cath Staves
Immaculate Conception	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	6-30 7pm	Adoration Weekday of Advent	Alphons James
Immaculate Conception	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Weekday of Advent	Deborah Cohen
St Gerard's	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10-15 11am	Adoration and Confession Weekday of Advent	Florence & Peter Bryce
Immaculate Conception		5pm 6pm	Confessions 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	POP
Immaculate Conception	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Kitty & Allan Stacey
St Gerard's		11am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Fr Dominic

**Next Joint Parish Meeting**—Our next meeting is at St Gerard's on the 13th January at 6-30pm. This is an opportunity for you to become informed and more involved with the mission of the parishes of the Immaculate Conception and St

Gerard's

### **Second Collections**

The next second collection will take place this weekend, 7th December for the Diocesan Caring Service

**Joint Evensong at St Leonard's Thrybergh**—The parish of St Leonard's Thrybergh have invited the parishioners of St Gerard's to a service of Evensong on Sunday evening 11th January at 5pm. This is the first joint parish prayer service in the area for some years. I invite you to make a note in your diary and attend the service. We hope to host another joint service at St Gerard's in June and both parishes are planning to put on a joint Alpha course between the 15th April and 24th June. The venue will be the recently renovated St Leonard's Church Hall just off Poplar Avenue.

### **Feasts and Saints**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** (12th December): Our Lady of Guadalupe is a title given to Our Lady in Mexico after her appearance to an indigenous man named Juan Diego in December 1531. She asked Juan to instruct the local bishop to build a shrine to her on Tepeyac Hill near modern Mexico City. When the bishop asked Juan for a sign, Our Lady instructed Juan to gather roses from the hill top, roses were unusual in Mexico during December, and when he presented them to the bishop they had miraculously arranged in the form of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe heavily pregnant, on the fabric of Juan's cloak.



### **100 Club**

For 100 Club members who pay cash it would save you having to remember when payments

### **St Gerards**

### **Immaculate Conception**

November No.66 Donna Branagan

are due to set up a standing order with your bank. It's quite easy to do online or at your bank. Just mention when setting up that it's for 100 Club and give your club number.

Immaculate Conception bank details are listed in all newsletters.

Volunteers required to join a rota to look after the Saturday evening 100 Club.—It's very easy to look after but just needs volunteers to come to church a bit earlier than usual. The more who offer to help would mean less frequent early attendance