



Blessed Trinity

3rd January 2026

The Immaculate Conception

St Gerard's

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



## Marriage Matters - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

He chose us to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence. With the messiness of our lives with cloths and toys all over the floor and washing in the sink we do loving things when we tidy up afterwards.

## Marriage Matters - Baptism of the Lord

Today Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. Often, we can be aware when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical we remember that this is 'my chosen one' and look for ways we can affirm our partner, our 'beloved'

**Our Congratulations** to Dominic Hurley who has been awarded the British Empire Medal on this New Year Honours list for his services to Charity, fundraising for disability causes and especially for those who have suffered a brain injury.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> June. The venue will be the recently renovated St Leonard's Church Hall just off Poplar Avenue.

**Our Local SVP Group** is here to help and support people going through 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:** 3rd Heather Yarnell, Fr Robert Woodbridge, Fr Philip Kelly, 4th Florence Bunting, Roy Rookes, Agnes Conway, Winifred Egan, Maria Emerson, James Kavanagh, Geoffrey Spencer Dilley, Mary (Mollie) Mangan, 5th William Lee, Mary Josephine Agus, 6th Florence Bunting, Hannah McCarthy, Ronald Eadon, Winnie McCarron, Beatrice Price, Pat Earnshaw, Thomas O'Neill, 7th Basil Browne, Edward Birmingham, Florence Oxley, Mabel Wadsworth, Roy Trask, Fr Michael Beattie, 8th Defta Elena, James Walker, Johnny Wardle, Eileen McLoughlin, Lawrence Ward, Molly Corr, Margaret Collins, Derick Small, Michael Bell, 9th Annie Doyle, Christopher Hibbert, Josephine Abargos, Josh Di-

maculangan, Roy Mashman, Ian Mountain, Vincent Glennon, 10th Angus John MacDonald, Eileen Slater, Maria Mallon, Maurice Cope, Patricia Johnson, George Luke, Kath McHugh, 11th Fr James Shryane, Brian Naylor Dominic Priest, Elizabeth Wilson, Ethel Chilton, Danny Cassidy, Robert Gettings, 12th Agnes Aitken, K Philomena Davies, Agnes Richardson, Joan Alice Cox, Salvatore Ventura, Sydney Fox, 13th Eileen Fogg, Mary Laffey, Patrick Leavey, Patricj Joseph McGoohan, Peggy Machin, 14th Fredrick Ripley, Betty Eddleston, James Barry Kettleborough, John Gaynor, Joseph Kevin Ridley, Paula Polidano, Fr Peter Hurley, Margaret Hastie, Kathleen Malone, 15th Karam Saridar, Marjorie Price,

Rafeal Climacosa, Winnie Clarke, Lavina Ripley, Mary Ripley, Betts Family, Winnie Higgins, Alan Page, Charles John Hibbert, 16th Annie Devine, Bernadette Egan, Leon O'Neile, Vera Unsworth, Rose McGhee, Fr Francis Flynn, 17th John Stanley, John Moran, Watkin Williams, Joan Simpson, Kevin Eddleston, 18th Pat McCullum, Vic Smith, Michael Saul,

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:** Margaret Bell, Betty Morris

We pray for all who are ill

### **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.

### **Parking around the Immaculate Conception.**

I have received a complaint from a resident living on Goldsmith Road about parishioners parking on Saturday and Sundays in such a way that the resident cannot get out of their driveway and onto the street. I have asked the person to supply me with the registration numbers of the offenders, and I will follow this up. In the meantime, the community police may start conducting patrols and fining offenders. Please be thoughtful and considerate towards our neighbours around the church premises.

### **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.

**Confession:** St Gerard's 10-30am Saturday 10th and 17th January and at the Immaculate Conception 5-15pm on Saturday 10th and 17th January. Confession is also available after the 10am Monday morning Mass at the Immaculate Conception and by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This will take place at the Immaculate Conception during the 10am Mass on the 12th January and at St Gerard's during the Wednesday 10am Mass on the 28th January.

The Weeks ahead:

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| Immaculate Conception | Saturday 3rd January              | 5:15pm<br>6pm | Confession<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas      | POP                |
| Immaculate Conception | Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>            | 9am           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas                    | Tom & Olga Kelsall |
| St Gerard's           |                                   | 11am          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas                    | Alan Browne        |
| Immaculate Conception | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>            | 10am          | Monday before Epiphany                                 |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>           | 9-30          | Epiphany   |                    |
| St Gerard's           |                                   | 11am          | Epiphany   |                    |
| Immaculate Conception |                                   | 7pm           | Epiphany   |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>         | 10am          | Wednesday after Epiphany                               |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>          | 7pm           | Thursday after Epiphany                                |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>            | 10am          | Friday after Epiphany                                  |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> January | 11am          | Saturday after Epiphany                                |                    |
| Immaculate Conception |                                   | 5pm<br>6pm    | Confession<br>The Baptism of the Lord                  |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>           | 9am           | The Baptism of the Lord                                |                    |
| St Gerard's           |                                   | 11am          | The Baptism of the Lord                                |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>           | 10am          | Monday in Week 1                                       |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>          | 10am          | Tuesday of Week 1                                      |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>        | 10am          | Wednesday of Week 1                                    |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>         | 6:30pm<br>7pm | Adoration<br>Thursday of Week 1                        |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>           | 10am          | Friday of Week 1                                       |                    |
| St Gerard's           | Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January | 11am          | Saturday of Week 1                                     |                    |
| Immaculate Conception |                                   | 5:15pm<br>6pm | Confessions<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time |                    |
| Immaculate Conception | Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January   | 9am           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time                |                    |
| St Gerard's           |                                   | 11am          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time                |                    |

**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 three collections will take place on Sunday 18th January in support of the Zambia project

promoted by Chris McClare, the 1st February in support of Racial Justice and on the 8th February for the Sick and Retired Clergy of the Diocese.

**Community Gathering**—The next community gathering will take place on Monday 19th January at the Immaculate Conception 6pm to 7-30pm.

### **Annual Assessment and Sick and Retired Clergy Levy**

The annual assessment that is, the contribution by parishes towards the yearly running costs of the diocese has been set. For the parish of the Immaculate Conception, it is £11,586, and for St Gerard's it is £4,262. Both fees have been paid. The annual levy for the Sick and Retired Clergy fund has been set at £2,834 for the Immaculate Conception and £1,704 for St Gerard's. The appeal will help to raise the profile of the need to support the sick and retired clergy and acknowledge a shared responsibility for the care of priests who have given many years of service to their communities. Please note that there will be a retiring collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy on the weekend of the 7th/8th February.

### **Feasts and Saints**

**Epiphany Of The Lord** (January 6th): The feast celebrates the 'manifestation' or revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, primarily commemorated in the West by the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the infant Jesus.

**Baptism of the Lord** (11th January): This is another manifestation feast, that is, Jesus being revealed to the world, in this case, by his baptism in the Jordan at the beginning his public ministry. In the Eastern churches this is also known as the Theophany, showing in Jesus' baptism his divine nature with traditions including house blessings and marks the end of the Christmas season.

### **When do we take down the crib?**

This is usually on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord but some traditions leave the crib in place until the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord on the 2nd February. Both cribs in the church will remain in place until the 2nd February.

### **100 Club**

Thank you to all 100 club members at Immaculate Conception and St. Gerard's  
for your continued support  
We wish you the best of luck in the 2026 monthly draws.