

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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Sunday 29th December at the 11.15am Mass in Clifton Cathedral, Bishop Bosco will launch the Jubilee Year for our diocese.

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

ADVENT IV (Year C) O Rex Gentium

Sat 21 st Dec		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 22 nd Dec		10.30am	Sunday Mass & 3 rd Scrutiny	Dursley


Mon 23 rd Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Emmanuel	Noon	Mass (Warren O’Sullivan RIP)	Dursley
Tue 24 th Dec	Late Advent Feria – Christmass Eve	9.30am	Last Mass of Advent ()	Dursley

Tue 24 th Dec	THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE FLESH – CHRISTMASS Solemnity	6.00pm	The Proper Vigil Mass (Those we miss at this season)	Dursley
		9.00pm	The Mass of Christmas Night (Beth & Winnie Gwyer RIP)	Nympsfield
Wed 25 th Dec	 <i>CHRIST IS BORN TO US COME LET US ADORE</i>	9.00am	The Mass of Christmas Dawn (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
		11.00am	The Mass of Christmas Day ()	Dursley

Thu 26 th Dec	IN THE OCTAVE – ST STEPHEN	Noon	Mass ()	Nympsfield
Fri 27 th Nov	IN THE OCTAVE – ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Sat 28 th Dec	IN THE OCTAVE – HOLY INNOCENTS	6.00pm	Adoration, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		Noon	Mass (Marion Farren RIP)	Dursley
		3.00-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASS (Year C) – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.

Sat 28 th Dec		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 29 th Dec		10.30am	Sunday Mass & Third Scrutiny	Dursley

Mon 30 th Dec	IN THE OCTAVE	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Tue 31 st Dec	IN THE OCTAVE – St Sylvester	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Wed 1st Jan 2025	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity	Noon	Mass & Carols	Dursley



Thu 2 nd Jan	Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen	10.00	Mass	Nympsfield
Fri 3 rd Jan	Holy Name of Jesus	No Public Mass. Fr. Philip attending a family funeral		
Sat 4 th Jan	Christmas Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASS (Year C) – THE EPIPHANY

4 th Jan		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
5 th Jan		10.30am	Sunday Mass & 3 rd Scrutiny	Dursley

MASS PROPERS FOR ADVENT IV (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour!

First Reading – Micah 5:1-4 *The Prophet tells of little Bethlehem producing One Who is to rule over Israel*

Responsorial Psalm **God of hosts, bring us back; let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10 *Christ came into the world in obedience to the Father's will.*

Alleluia Verse **Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of Your Son.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 1:39-45 *Our Lady's Visitation to St Elizabeth.*

Communion Antiphon Our God has appeared on earth and lived among us.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Sunday 29th December, Feast of the Holy Family, we are replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.
- Wednesday 1st January Fr. Frank Waters SDS is due to take up his new duties as the Priest-in-Residence for the parishes of Christ the King, Thornbury and Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge. We wish him well and assure him of our prayers.
- Friday 3rd January, Fr. Philip will attend the Cremation Service of his cousin Rachel in Peterborough
- The funeral service of Mrs C. R. Whittard will be in St Joseph's at 11.00am on Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Saturday 18th January Pastoral Area Forum in Tuffley at English Martyrs. 11.00 to 1.00pm approx. [Like a Pastoral Council only looser and more informal] Open to all.
- Sunday 19th January Peace Sunday in England and Wales

PASTORAL AREA FORUM on Saturday 18th January from 11:00am until approximately 1:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). There will be a particular focus on the Holy Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' and how we will celebrate this within our Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch for the end of the session

R. C. DIOCESE OF CLIFTON PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Visit the main Basilicas of Rome with an opportunity to enter through a Holy Door in the Jubilee Year. Spend 5 nights in Palazzola Retreat House, set in the hills south of Rome near to Castel Gandolfo. Explore Rome with Canon Christopher on walking tours; Daytrip to Assisi with a stop at pretty hilltop village of Greccio where St Francis inaugurated the idea of a live crib scene 800 years ago. Contact us here: enquiries@jcjourneys.com www.jcjourneys.com 01886 812862 Dates & Pricing Saturday 27th September - Thursday 2nd October 2025 What's Included 5-nights in Villa Palazzola, overlooking Lake Albano Return Easyjet flights from Bristol to Rome Daily Mass Airport transfers included Coach transfers to and from Rome for 3 days Breakfast and dinner at Palazzola included Day trip to Assisi and Greccio Led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald & Canon Christopher Whitehead £1050 pp Room with ensuite bathroom (limited rooms available) £965 pp Room with shared bathroom.



MASS PROPERS FOR CHRISTMAS I – THE HOLY FAMILY (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon The shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading – 1 Samuel 1:20-22 & 24-28 *The family of the Prophet Samuel give thanks for his birth*

Responsorial Psalm Blessed are they, Who dwell in Your house, O Lord.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-2 & 21-24 *St John tells of how we are children in God's family.*

Alleluia Verse Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of Your Son.

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:41-52 *We read the traditional gospel for this feast, the Finding in the Temple.*

Communion Antiphon Our God has appeared on earth and lived among us.



Our former parishioner Eunice in front of her new house in Kenya with her daughter in law and the same daughter in law with her husband, Eunice's son. Also, a picture of Eunice with Min and members of her new church. We wish them all the best for Christmas and for their new life together.



THE OSMA GROUP – (Parish Ladies) Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th January in St Dominic's Hall from 11:30am to 1.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, but drinks will be provided. Before going across the Pyrenees to preach to the Albigenians, St Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral