



Wishing you all a very
happy and holy Christmas
and a peaceful new year.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

21 December 2025. 4th week of Advent. Year A Psalter 4

MASS TIMES

Sunday 21 December

4th Sunday of Advent

8.45am Mass

10.45am Deceased members of the
O'Halloran & Hardiman Families

3.00pm Carol Service

6.00pm People of the Parish

Tuesday 23 December

Advent weekday

6.30pm Special Intention

Wednesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm Vigil of Readings
and Carols

12.00am Midnight Mass



Thursday 25 December

Christmas Day

8.45am Mass

10.45am Mass

Friday 26 December

St Stephen, Martyr

9.30am Mass

Saturday 27 December

St John, Evangelist

9.30am Mass

Sunday 28 December

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8.45am Mass People of the Parish

10.45am Mass Deceased members of
McDonagh Family

6.00pm Mass

Tuesday 30 December

6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 31 December

9.30am Mass

6.00pm New Year Holy Hour

Thursday 1 January

Mary, Mother of God

12.00pm People of the Parish

Friday 2 January

St Basil the Great

6.30pm Mass

Saturday 3 January

9.30am Mass

Sunday 4 January

2nd Sunday after The Nativity

8.45am Mass

10.45am Mass

6.00pm Mass

Tuesday 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

NEWS & EVENTS

Blessed Sacrament Carol Service Sunday 21 December 3.00pm.

Advent Tree of Kindness

Many thanks for your generosity towards supporting the work of Exeter Foodbank this Christmas. Your gifts are much appreciated by those who will receive them.

Supporting Resilient Women

This Christmas, as a parish, we would like to raise money for the Exeter Colab Women's Centre Campaign and to bring a little joy at Christmas to those less fortunate than ourselves.

You can donate by card, using the cashless giving machine in the church porch, by bank transfer (details from the parish office – reference Colab) or by cash placed in an envelope and labelled 'Colab Christmas fundraiser'. You will make a difference - improving the daily lives of these less fortunate women in Exeter especially at Christmas! Thank you for your generosity. Sheila x

Missio- The Pope's Charity for World Mission

Free copies of the 2026 Missio calendar in the porch for parishioners to take.

Bible Alive, January/February edition

Bible Alive is a Catholic scripture magazine which draws its strength, inspiration and direction from the liturgical cycle. There are 4 copies in the porch, price £6.00. Please put your money in the box marked "books & magazines".

Forming in Faith

Forming in Faith meets on the first⁶ and third Monday of every month in Sacred Heart Lower Room. Our first meeting in 2026 will be on Monday 5 January. All welcome.

GIFT tots

GIFT tots reconvenes on 12 January. GIFT tots is a family-friendly faith group open to all families with children between the ages of 0-4 years-old. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, 10:15-11:15, in the Sacred Heart Lower Room. Get in touch with Maria to join us: Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

GIFT Youth Socials

School Years 7-9. Join us on Friday 9 January; see you in the New Year!

GIFT reminder

The next GIFT is on Saturday 10 January.

GIFT Youth Caritas

School Years 10-13. Our first meeting of 2026 will be on Friday 2 January from 19:30-21:30 in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Come along to choose a focus for the new term.

Youth events

Teens residential, 23rd - 25th January 2026, Est Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor

The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding the a refugee and asylum seekers status in the Uk. There is time to question

refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: [Booking form for 13-17 year olds Residential Jan 26 – Fill in form](#) For further information:

Youth Events newsletter

Sign up at this link to receive the weekly newsletter.

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/8C09255F03B7437F>

St Nicholas School News

After a busy final week of fabulous nativities, a carol concert, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunches and Reindeer Runs around the field (to raise funds for Hospiscare) we finally come to the end of a busy term. St Nicholas school wishes all parishioners a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Live stream Mass [Access the parish YouTube page at this link.](#)

THE WORD

Sunday 21 December – 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14. *Behold, the virgin shall conceive.*

Psalm Response Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7. *Jesus Christ, descended from David, son of God.*

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24.

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Sunday 28 December – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. *He who fears the Lord honours his parents.*

Psalm Response Blessed are those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21. *Family life in th Lord.*

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24. *Take the chold and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*

Sunday 4 January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

First Reading Sirach 23:1-2, 8-12. *The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

Psalm Response The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18. *He predestined us for adoption through Jesus.*

Gospel John 1:1-5, 9-14. *The Word became flesh and dwely among us.*