

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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MASSSES THIS WEEK SOUTHWOLD

Sunday 28th December

11.00 am – *Mick Heil+*

Monday 29th December

9.00 am – *St Thomas Becket, Patron of Pastoral Clergy – Prayer Board Intentions*

Tuesday 30th December

NO MASS TODAY – 6th Day within the Octave of Christmas

[The Rosary]

Thursday 1st January

10.00 am – *The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God – People of our Parish*

Saturday 3rd January

10.00 am – *Christmas Feria - Seminarians*

Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

HALESWORTH

Sunday 28th December

9.00 am – *People of our Parish*

Wednesday 31st December

10.00 am – 7th Day within the Octave of Christmas – *Thanksgiving for 2025*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 2nd January

10.00 am – *Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen – Holy Souls*

CRIB DONATIONS Bishop Peter has asked that all Crib donations be for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the charity of which helps Christians living in the Holy Land.

For reflections on Sunday Gospel & Readings please use the following link
<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2025 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

MUSIC PRACTICE BEFORE SUNDAY MASS Practices are held in the Cardinal Newman Hall before Mass on **the 1st Sunday of each Month** starting at 10.40 am. All welcome.
Nathan Williamson

FR CHRISTOPHER WRITES

I wish to thank all those who have worked hard to ensure the prayerful and dignified celebration of the Lord's Birth. Particular thanks to who those have cleaned the churches; set up the crib and arranged the flowers; our sacristans, readers servers organist, welcomers and all who are responsible for the newsletter and various rotas. On a more general note, I would like to thank those who contribute so much to the life and mission of the parish all year round: our treasurer; chairs and members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance and Fabric Committees and anyone I have inadvertently missed out. On a personal note I wish to thank you for your kindness and support you have given to me as your Parish Priest. It a joy and a privilege to serve you in this way. I wish you and your families every blessing this Christmastide. May you and your families, know the peace and the joy which the Christ Child came to bring.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION Fr Christopher has written a Christmas Reflection which is available to read on our website at <https://southwoldhalesworthrc.org.uk/718/>

SOUTHWOLD CHURCH HEATING It is planned for the work to replace the heating system to start in early February.

PARISH 100 CLUB Christmas Draw winners:- 1st John Holt (5); 2nd Judy Etherton (48) and 3rd Anne Fleming (7). Do join the 100 Club to raise funds for the parish and possibly win a prize. If you want to join or buy another ticket to increase your chances please get in touch with Stella on 01986 948315. The next draw will be on Sunday, 4th January.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN HOSPITAL HM The King, Dolores Arellano, Cedric Burton, Janet Dent, Phoebe Durnam, Judith Etherton, Susan Goldsmith, Oliver Grantham, Rosemary Jones, Laura Kenwick-Fearns, Anthea Marriner, Stephen Martin, Fr Tony Rogers, Pat Romer-Grundy, Fr Roger Spencer, Frances Stewart, Brian & Maureen White, Oliver Williams. *May they be comforted by our prayers and awareness of our love for them. Please let Fr Christopher know of any changes or additions.*