

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

21 DECEMBER 2025

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 20 December (Vigil Mass)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Sabin Madariaga)

Sunday 21 December (4th Sunday of Advent A)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Rhona Crilly)

11.30 Mass (Parishioners)

Monday 22 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Lisa & Michelle Joyce)

Tuesday 23 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Intentions of Aiden & Cindy Moore)

Wednesday 24 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (M. Williams)

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 24 December 6.15 pm Confessions

7.00 pm FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS (Pope's Intentions)

11.30 pm Carols

Thursday 25 December 12.00 midnight CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS (Holy Souls)

9.15 Confessions

10.00 CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS (Parishioners)

Friday 26 December (Feast of St Stephen, Protomartyr)

12.00 Mass with Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen (David Hancock)

Saturday 27 December

1.00 pm Nuptial Mass of Kyle Dottie & Sarah Wilson

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Parishioners)

Next Sunday 28 December (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph A)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Joan Burke)

11.30 Mass (Christine Kelly)

SICK LIST

Sean Armstrong, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Keith Garcia, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Fred Keegan, Bob Cramsie, Ann Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Peter Jeffrey, Grace Astbury, Gerard Doyle

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Fr David wishes all parishioners a blessed, holy and happy Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Grant us, o heavenly Father,
such love and wonder
at your Son's birth
that we may come with shepherds,
wise men and pilgrims
to adore Him as the King of Heaven.
May we offer Him
the gift of a pure heart,
and the poverty of our spirit
to be enriched by His mercy and love.
As we see God
living a human life,
so may we rejoice
in the full vision of His glory
in heaven.
Amen.*

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Following tradition, all offerings (loose plate or in envelopes) collected at Christmas Masses are for the support of the parish priest. Likewise any monies donated at other times in envelopes marked "Christmas Gift" or "Christmas Offering".

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards the cost of church flowers for Christmas may be handed in after Mass or at the presbytery, and will be gratefully received.

ENROLMENT INTO THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Several of our newer altar servers are due to be enrolled into the Archconfraternity (or "Guild") of St Stephen on Boxing Day. The Guild exists "to sanctify servers by helping them to understand the holiness of the office; [and] to help them understand more fully the sacraments in which they play such an active role, especially the Eucharist". The Guild Prayer, which members are asked to say every day, expresses the importance of their ministry :

O God, you accept our ministry and allow us to serve at your altar; grant that, while serving you, we may follow the example of our patron St Stephen, the first martyr, and that we may, like him, come to see Jesus standing at your right hand in the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

