

# OUR LADY'S, Chesham Bois & St. AIDAN'S, Little Chalfont

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Year C

Our Lady's, Chesham Bois, 30 Amersham Road, HP6 5PE	St. Aidan, Little Chalfont, Finch Lane, HP7 9NE
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5.00pm <b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.15pm <b>(Vigil Mass)</b>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am <b>Parish Mass</b>	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Polish Mass
12.00pm Latin Mass	11.00am <b>Parish Mass</b>
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 9.30am Feria	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am Feria
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 9.30am <b>New Year Mass</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>(Mary Mother of God)</b>
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6.15pm Vigil Mass
	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11.00am <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>Benediction: 9.00am - 9.30am</b>	<b>Benediction: 6.30pm - 7.00pm</b>
<b>Confessions: Tue &amp; Fri</b> after Mass	<b>Confessions: Fri &amp; Sat</b> after Mass
<b>Mass Intentions: Sat</b> (T Clark, Sp. Int), <b>Sun</b> (Kiron Sandhu RIP), <b>Tue</b> (Jennyfer Podesta)	<b>Mass Intentions: Sat</b> (Parish), <b>Sun</b> (DeCosta Family, Thanksgiving), <b>Mon</b> (Bastin, Jordan, Thanksgiving), <b>Wed</b> (Parish)

**Sincere Thanks:** May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for actively participating in the Christmas Liturgy. It is so heart-warming to see a Church full of enthusiastic believers, united in heart and mind. My sincere appreciation to the Choir, Flower arranging teams, Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar servers, AV system operators, and collection counters. You have been a great source of support and inspiration. There are also individuals who worked very hard to organize the crib, trees and other important aspects of the celebration. God bless you all! Thank you to everyone, who sent cards, gifts, and for your generous Christmas offerings.

**New Year Mass:** This year, the New Year falls on Wednesday, which is also the Solemnity of **Mary Mother of God**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. We shall begin the New Year 2025 with our Blessed Mother, asking for her support and accompaniment. There will be a **Joint Mass** for both Churches at **9.30 am** at **St. Aidan's**.

**Concert at Our Lady's:** Please mark your diaries for an important event coming up at Our Lady's on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 3.00pm**. Some members of the **Exon Choir**, an Alumnus choir of Exeter College, Oxford are going to enthral us. No tickets, but a small collection at the end, to raise money for buying a new organ. Please come along and support us!

**First Confession:** Parents, please take note, the First Confession for the children who are preparing for the First Communion at Our Lady's will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January** from **3.00pm to 4.30pm**.

**No Mass:** Please note, there will be no weekday Masses from **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Diocesan Directory 2025:** The new Diocesan Directory for 2025 is now on sale at the back of the church at **£5 per copy**. Please place money in the box kept next to it.

Tap & Go Collection Last Week at OL: **£135.00**, SA: **£90.00**

**Jubilee Companion Booklet:** Alive Publishing have produced a booklet to help pilgrims ponder and pray, focussing on the great themes of the **Holy Year** – hope and forgiveness, the figures of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and the key places of prayer and repentance. The free copies are available for your read. Kindly pick it up from the narthex.

**Word on Fire - UK Bible Conference 2025:** From Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, the Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible conference will be taking place at the Excel Centre, East London. The conference theme is to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. Speakers include **Bishop Robert Barron**, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

**Distance Learning Programmes in Catholic Theology:** led by Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS), are designed so that participants can work through material at their own pace alongside work, ministry, family or caring obligations. In addition to the Postgraduate Certificate, the Postgraduate Diploma, and the MA, students can now enrol for a single module. Students with a BA or BSc who have not studied Theology or a related discipline before, are able to apply for the core module, 'Catholic Theology: The single module is also a standalone option for Continual Professional Development and general interest. If you have any questions about these Distance Learning programmes, please do not hesitate to contact - [theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk](mailto:theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk)



**Prayer to the Holy Family**

Dear Lord, Bless our family.  
Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace,

**Offertory Collection Last Week:** Our Lady's: **£395.25**  
Standing Order: **£361.00**

**St. Aidan's: £655.10**  
Standing Order: **£797.00**

**Thank You**