



St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley

28th. December, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish Mass

10:00am

Celebrant: Fr. Ian White

Hymns: 29 23 25 387 26 (omit v.4)

We pray for the Sick and the Suffering: Craig Craggs

Recently departed: Shaquille Anderson

Year's Mind: Hayley Harrison 1989 Andrew Goyns 2022 Michael Wigglesworth 2004
Maureen Harrison 2007 Douglas Ellis 2001 Kenneth Nutter 2009 Andrew Waite 2008
Esther McGaw 1990 Peter Burns 1999 Edna Connor 1999

Thursday, 1st. January 2026: New Year's Day Said Mass at 10.00am in the Centenary Chapel, followed by tea, coffee and chat in church from 10.30am.

Sunday, 4th. January 2026: Epiphany of the Lord Parish Mass 10:00am

Thursday, 8th. January: Said Mass at 10.00am in the Centenary Chapel, followed by tea, coffee and chat in church from 10.30am.

Sunday, 11th. January: The Baptism of the Lord Parish Mass 10:00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, WE ALL SAY:

O Lord, as our church continues to persevere, threatened with the ever-present possibility of closure, we pray for the preservation of our building and our congregation. Help us to find the right words to express our love for this magnificent place of worship and to proclaim our care for all our parishioners. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all.

Amen

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Local lottery winner 20th. December - Thelma

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.
O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. cf. 1

R: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R.**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and
beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness,
and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint
against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven
you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the
peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were

called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him. <

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the
Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become
discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Colossians 3:15a. 16a

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and
his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for
Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose
and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt
and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what
the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in
a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his
mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's
life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and
went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was
reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to
go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district
of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that
what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would
be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and
Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your
peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

