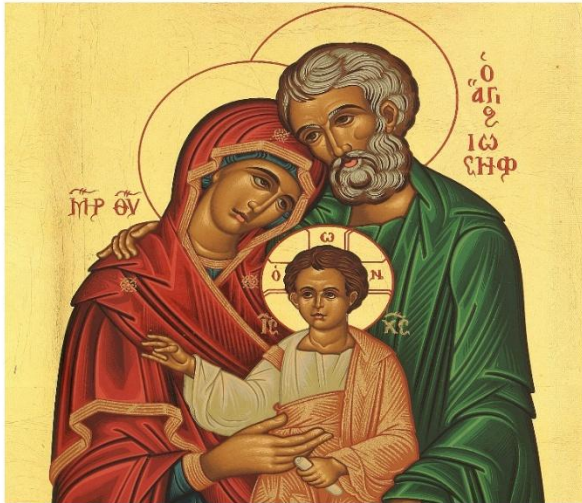


THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON
Sunday 29th December 2025

The Feast of the Holy Family.

Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Families come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but the Holy Family are a perfect example of how a family can provide strong support in which to nurture children.



Entrance Hymn

375: Long ago prophets knew.

Offertory Hymn

80: Bind us together, Lord.

Procession

717: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy.

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THIS WEEK: DAILY OFFICES: Morning and Evening Prayer: Tues – Fri: 9am & 5pm in the Lady Chapel.
Monday 29th: St Thomas Becket – Bishop & Martyr.
Tuesday 30th: 6th Day on Octave of Christmas.
Wednesday 31st: St Sylvester – pope, memorial.
Wednesday 31st: 7pm Mass in Lady Chapel.
Thursday: 1st: Mary the Holy Mother of God.
Thursday 1st: Mass for New Year's day for Mary the Mother of God
Friday 2nd: Sts Basil and Gregory of Nazianzen.
Saturday 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4th January, 10am Parish Mass for the feast of the Epiphany with commissioning of the lay pastoral team members.

CONFESSION: (by appointment). Speak to Fr Angus to arrange time for this.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group? Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

CANDLE FOR OUR LADY: Zyla Brown

EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS: Clarence Hall

Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or SACRAMENT CANDLE

Please note that we are no longer taking old clothing or bric-a-brac. We are going to be having a big church tidy up in January. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity by January 31st.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Abigail; Gillian; Margaret; Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Erica; Pearline; Deborah; David; Pearl; Suzanne; Aniyah; Evelyn; Samantha; Sharon; Albert; Jean & Family; Rodney Hines; Astley.
Short term: Lauren; Patsy; Gloria; Leslie; Louise; Mike; Yolanda; Patsy; Correll; Andrew; Charles; Angela. (Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Biggs; Barbara Utting; Olive McKenzie.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Eric White; Martha Hasler; Ronald Corey; Margaret Healy; Eustace Bancroft; June Cordell; George Richardson; Helen Bright; Walter Lowe.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Phagoo; Cherry Francis.

FINANCIAL POSITION: The Church and Hall Gas Bill for 2024 was £18,667.69 and the Electric Bill was £1,476.07. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

PARISH GIVING SCHEME: A great way to make your regular donation to support St Alphege! Scan the QR code to sign up!



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items. There is a list of items at the back of church and a box to place items in.

JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR REFRESHMENTS!

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.