



THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family Church

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13th & 14th December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent – Year A



The Joy of Expectancy

Opening Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Brief Reflection

In the First Reading, Isaiah foretells a time when the wilderness will burst into life, creation will rejoice, and God will strengthen and heal His people, opening blind eyes and restoring the lame to walk. It promises that the redeemed will return to Zion with everlasting joy, free from sorrow and suffering. James, in the Second Reading, encourages believers to be patient and steadfast as they wait for the Lord's coming, using the farmer's long wait for harvest as a model of faithful endurance. It also urges them to avoid grumbling and to remember the prophets, whose perseverance in suffering serves as an example of faithful living. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus confirms His identity as the Messiah to John the Baptist by pointing to the miraculous works that fulfil Scripture: healing the sick, restoring the broken, and bringing good news to the poor. Jesus then honours John as the greatest of the prophets yet teaches that even the least in the kingdom of heaven shares in a greater privilege because of the new era Jesus brings.

Baptism this weekend - Layla

May God bless you on your special day and every day that follows.

Confirmation 2026

Confirmation application forms are available in the Lady Chapel. Please complete and return to the same place, in the correct tray. Please ensure phone numbers and emails are clear. From Tuesday 24th February at 6pm - 7.30pm there will be 8 sessions in the Holy Family Church Hall, these will be either side of Easter which applicants will need to attend. Closing date is 31st December.

Request for additional counters

Do you have an hour to spare once every six weeks on a Monday morning to become a member of our friendly counters team? If the answer is yes, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please send an e-mail to Catherine in the church office.

Mr John Moore RIP

The Funeral Mass of Mr John Moore will be at The Holy Family RC Church on Tuesday 23rd December at 10am. After the Funeral Mass, the funeral cortege will travel to a private family committal. Thank you for your prayers for John.

SVP Hampers for School

We provide grocery bags to Holy Family school throughout the year to support families in need. This takes place twice each term. For Christmas, we would love to include a special treat in the bags. If you can donate items such as a box of sweets, Christmas biscuits, chocolates or mince pies, please place them in the SVP hamper in the porch. Thank you for your generosity and support. God Bless, Margaret McCormack, President SVP.

Missio Red Boxes

The red Missio boxes have been emptied and are now ready for collection from the porch. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

SVP Christmas Tags

We are pleased to share that every gift tag was taken from the tree last weekend! Your kindness and generosity continue to reflect the heart of our wonderful church family and we are so grateful. Please return all gift tags by **Sunday 14th December** so we can make sure they reach those who need them most. Kindly note that we are unable to accept gifts after this date.

Thank you once again for your kindness and participation. God Bless, SVP Addlestone.

Holy Family School KS2 Carol Service

Holy Family School Carol service 17th December at 6pm in church. All are welcome.

Warm Hubs

A network of Warm Hubs has been set up across Surrey. Please see leaflet in porch for more info.

Signing of Primary School Forms

Please leave SIF forms in the tray in Our Lady Chapel after Mass. You must be known to Fr. Graham and be attending Mass regularly in the parish for forms to be signed. They can be collected after Mass from the same area once signed and stamped. Closing date: 15th Jan 2026.

Mass Intention at the Christmas Season

In many parishes priests receive mass requests and Cards to sign. We arrange as best possible to ensure these mass intentions are honoured. Some masses may be celebrated in Salesian Community. Where this is not possible, we ask to arrange the offering and intention be transferred to Salesian Provincial House/Mission Office, whereby the

mass will be celebrated in Bolton. If you so wish, we can guide your offering and intention to be celebrated by **Missio**: a mission priest, or as arranged by the Missio Office London. Your donation then becomes your support of the work of Missio. *God bless you* and thank you! Fr. GF.

Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation

Weekly on Saturdays 5.15pm – 5.45pm.

Weekday Masses

Every Wednesday at 9.30am at Holy Family.
Every weekday (except Wed.) at 9.30am at St. Anne's Church, Chertsey & 10am on Saturdays.

Holy Family School Admissions Sept '27

Whilst Holy Family School tends to be oversubscribed, we welcome applications from all Catholic families. To ensure the admission process is fair to all Catholic families, please register your child by completing an Evidence of Attendance form, which can be found at the back of the church. Once completed, put it in the office post box and you will be given a unique number, enabling you to sign in each time you attend mass.

Offertory for last weekend - £708.00

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Catherine Cassin – Please contact Catherine should you have a concern.

Parish Centre To hire please view our website or contact the office, for further information.

Hearing Aid Loop An induction loop is provided for Hearing Aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Facebook Page Please follow our Facebook page for updates on parish activities, newsletters and more.
<https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilychurchaddlestone>

Contactless Machine Please feel free to make your donation via the contactless machine before mass or during the offertory whilst the basket is being passed round. Your donation can also be Gift Aided.

Standing Order Please support our parish by setting up a standing order.
Acc. Name: RCD A&B The Holy Family Addlestone
HSBC plc, 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY
Account No: 21126415 Sort code: 40-05-20

Mass Intentions

Date	Intention	Liturgical Day
Saturday 13 th December 18.00	Sandy Neill RIP	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Sunday 14 th December 10:00	People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 17 th December 9.30	David Nichols Jr RIP	Wednesday of Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday 20 th December 18.00	People of the Parish	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 21 st December 10:00	Elena Flanagan RIP	Fourth Sunday of Advent