



CHRISTMAS 2025 and NEW YEAR 2026

The Catholic Community of St Albans invites you to celebrate Christmas with us

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Wishing you and yours the Peace of Christ and the Joy of Christmas now and in the year ahead

Let us joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption.

Let us celebrate the hallowed day on which the great eternal day came from the great eternal day into this,
our so short and temporal day.

He has become our justice, and our sanctification, and our redemption.

And so, as scripture says: 'Let him who glories, glory in the Lord.'

Truth, then, is sprung out of the earth: Christ who said, 'I am the truth', is born of a virgin.

And justice looked down from heaven: man, believing in him who has been born,
has been justified not by himself, but by God.

Truth is sprung out of the earth, for the Word was made flesh.

And justice looked down from heaven, for every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above.

Truth, then, is sprung out of the earth – flesh born of Mary. And justice looked down from heaven,
for man cannot receive anything, unless it be given him from heaven.

From a Sermon by St Augustine – Sermon 185

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 of St John Fisher Primary School, Marshalswick – one of our three primary schools – designed many varied and colourful entries for our illustrating Christmas competition. The cover of this year's Christmas card was one of the winning entries.

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Masses 8am, 10am, 12 Noon & 6pm (A&S)
 Mass 8.30am (St John Fisher, Marshalswick)
 Mass 9.30am (St Bart's)
 Confessions 10.30am (St Bart's), 10am & 11.30am (A&S)

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Masses 10am (A&S), 12 Noon (St Bart's)
 Confessions 10.30am (A&S), 12.30pm (St Bart's)

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Mass 10am (St Bart's) Confessions 10.30am (St Bart's)

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Masses 10am (St Bart's), 7.00pm (A&S)
 Exposition & Confessions 10.30am (St Bart's),
 Confessions 6.30pm (A&S)

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025

Mass 10am (St Bart's) Confessions 10.30am (St Bart's)

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Mass 7.00pm (A&S) Confessions 7.30pm (A&S)

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Exposition & Confessions 10am (A&S)

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 2025 – VIGIL MASSES

Masses 5pm (A&S), 6pm (St Bart's)
 Confessions 4pm (A&S), 5pm (St Bart's)

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Masses 8am, 10am, 12 Noon & 6pm (A&S)
 Mass 8.30am (St John Fisher, Marshalswick)
 Mass 9.30am (St Bart's)

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria

Masses 10am (A&S), 12 Noon (St Bart's)
 Confessions 10.30am (A&S), 12.30pm (St Bart's)

HCPT CHRISTMAS CAROLS 7.30 pm (St Bart's)**TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2025 – Advent feria**

Mass 10am (St Bart's) Confessions 10.30am (St Bart's)
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 7.30pm (A&S)

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2025**VIGIL MASSES OF CHRISTMAS**

Masses 5pm, 7pm, 10pm (A&S)
 Masses 4pm, 9pm (St Bart's)

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 2025**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Masses 8am, 10am & 12 Noon (A&S)
 Mass 8.30am (St John Fisher, Marshalswick)
 Mass 9.30am (St Bart's)

FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER 2025**ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr**

Mass 11am (A&S) *(No evening Mass)*

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 2025

ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist
 Confessions only at 10am (A&S)

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 2025**VIGIL MASSES OF SUNDAY**

Masses 5pm (A&S), 6pm (St Bart's)

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER 2025**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Masses 8am, 10am, 12 Noon & 6pm (A&S)
 Mass 8.30am (St John Fisher, Marshalswick)
 Mass 9.30am (St Bart's)

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER 2025

ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr
 Mass 10am (A&S) *(No noon Mass)*

TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER 2025

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
(No Masses)

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2025

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
 Mass 10am (St Bart's), *(No evening Mass)*
 Confessions only at 10.30am (St Bart's)

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY 2026 – MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass 11am (A&S) *(No evening Mass)*

FRIDAY 2 JANUARY 2026

St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
 Masses 12 Noon (St Albans Abbey), 7pm (A&S)

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY – Christmas feria

Confessions only at 10am (A&S)

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 –**VIGIL MASSES OF SUNDAY**

Masses 5pm (A&S), 6pm (St Bart's)

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

Masses 8am, 10am, 12 Noon & 6pm (A&S)
 Mass 8.30am (St John Fisher, Marshalswick), 9.30am (St Bart's)

MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2026**VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY**

(No morning or noon Masses) Mass 7pm (A&S)

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Masses 10am (St Bart's), 7pm (A&S)

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2026 – St Raymond Penyafort

Masses 10am (St Bart's), 7pm (A&S)
 Confessions only at 10.30am (St Bart's)