



Sunday	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 am	Christmas Morning Mass	St Leonard's
Monday	26 th	Saint Stephen	---	---	---
Tuesday	27 th	Saint John	---	---	---
Wednesday	28 th	The Holy Innocents	---	---	---
Thursday	29 th	St Thomas Becket	1:15 pm	Funeral of Malcolm Wilson	St Helen's
Friday	30 th	The Holy Family	---	---	---
Saturday	31 st	Christmas Week	---	---	---
Next Sunday	1 st	NEW YEAR'S DAY Mary Mother of God	10:30 am	Joint Benefice Mass	St Leonard's
Monday	2 nd	Saint Basil & Saint Gregory	---	---	---
Tuesday	3 rd	Christmas-tide	7:00 pm	Mass	St Leonard's

The Hymns at Mass today are from *The Celebration Hymnal for Everyone*

<i>Introit</i>	<i>Gradual</i>	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Recessional</i>
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We pray for those who are sick this Christmas and for all those who care for them.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those who mourn this Christmas.

We pray for those whose anniversaries of passing take place at this time, for those with whom we have shared Christmases past, for departed priests and people of this benefice, and for all our departed loved ones.

The Blessing of the Christmas Crib at the end of Mass

¶ This Blessing will take place at the end of Mass. Following the final hymn please remain **STANDING** as the Rector says:

'As we celebrate the feast of Christmas, we pause to bless this manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by St Francis of Assisi as a means of setting forth the Christmas Message. When we look upon these figures, the Christmas gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the incarnation of God.'

'Let us pray.'

'God of every nation and people, from the beginning of time you have made manifest your love; when our need for a saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Into our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Father, + bless this Christmas Crib and all who look upon it. May it remind us of the humble birth of your Son and raise our thoughts to him who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, even, Jesus Christ our Lord.'
All Respond: **AMEN.**

May Christ our God enlighten your hearts and minds, now and forever. All Respond: AMEN.



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