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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR B December 31st 2017



Dear Parishioners,

'Christ in the human family. God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The baptismal preparation evenings for January will take place on Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Father Dominic writes: 'On behalf of Father Paul, Deacon Kevin and I, our sincere thanks for all that you have contributed in making our Christmas Masses such beautiful celebrations. Thank you to all who helped to prepared the Church, cleaning and tidying; to those who have beautified it with flowers, Cribs and trees. Thank you to all involved with the Masses-Church Wardens, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers; to our Children and Adult Choirs, Organists and Choir Mistress and to our Altar Servers. Thank you indeed for your Christmas cards and greetings, for your gifts and most generous Christmas Offerings. Your having Mass offered for us is really appreciated. In turn, we promise you our prayers and our continued desire to serve you as best we can. May our good Lord continue to grant you every good and perfect gift and bless you abundantly in 2018.'

The Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians will take place between 18th and 25th January 2018. On Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm at ChristChurch, on the Warwick Road, there will be a Christian Unity Service. Archbishop Bernard Longley will preach at this Service. Do please come along to pray with our Christian brothers and sisters. **Crib donations-** All donations made at our Crib will be distributed between; Father Hudson's Care, Life, and Friends of the Holy Land. **Diocesan Directories** on sale in the porch. £3.00 each. **ABLAZE-2018-** 6th January 2018 organised by Sehion Ministries. From 12-5pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way West Bromwich B70 7JW **The Christmas edition of the Augustinian** is now available in both porches; price £1.00 **Tabor House**, BHam's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to help as a hospitality volunteer, shift leader or volunteer mentor, please contact- Mairead Shaw on 07387 418318 or Laura Jovicich on 07387 418319-email laurajovicich@fatherhudsons.org.uk **Please note the times of Masses on Monday 1st January.**

<p>30th December Saturday</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 OR Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40 12.30pm Jim Kinnard-RIP Tessy & Dasan-16th Wedding Anniversary Kitty O'Sullivan-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>31st December SUNDAY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p> 	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 OR Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40 9.00am John Kiely-RIP 11.00am Kay & Tony Perry-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>1st January Monday SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Bill Allen-RIP 12.30pm Kathleen O'Meara-Intention</p>	
<p>2nd January Tuesday St Basil the Great & St Gregory of Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mary Quinn-Special Intention Breed Gallagher</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>3rd January Wednesday Christmas Feria Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-3:6 John 1:29-34 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Jeremiah Winters-RIP Lesley & Kieran Kelly-Intentions</p>	
<p>4th January Thursday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Ledda & Vito- Intentions Johnny Cassidy-RIP Brian McDaid-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition 12.05-12.30pm Baptismal Preparation Evening 8pm-Presbytery</p>
<p>5th January Friday Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew</p>	<p>1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Requiem Betty Violet Grealey 6.30pm Josie Harman-RIP Latin Mass with Anointing of the Sick</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>6th January Saturday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP Josephine Colette McAuley-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 10.30am-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>7th January Sunday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</p> 	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Greta Naylor-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £(Gift Aid £ Loose £)

The Catholic Union Of Great Britain- Urgent assistance needed to sign online letter to Secretary of State for Education.The government may be about to renege on its manifesto commitment to remove the 50 % cap on Catholic admissions to Free Schools. It appears that lobbying and letters to MPs have not worked. The bishops have therefore put an online letter on their website which all Catholics are asked to consider signing. It takes around 3 minutes. Follow the link: <http://cbcew.org.uk/education-cap> and then follow the two steps.

What can religious couples do when their desire for the gift of a child is left wanting? So much of what is on offer in reproductive medicine puts couples in conflict with their treasured Faith. At Life FertilityCare we show that integration between Faith and medicine is possible. In fact it's better. As manager Ira Winter says: "Working with nature will always triumph over bypassing nature. NaProTechnology is not a quick fix, but it is a true fix. The couples really appreciate that they remain the co-creators with God and the child remains a gift of God within the marital union." To find out more see www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk or contact Life FertilityCare on 01926834654

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! Next programme commences with a weekend 16th– 18th March 2018 Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire For Further information Or Future Programmes Contact Frances and Michael Tel or Text 0788 7296983. Julie and Gearoid Tel or Text 0797 3380443 Email; info@retrouvaille.org.uk Or visit website : www.retrouvaille.org.uk (Complete confidentiality assured.)

EUCARIST AND THE FAMILY 2018 In the coming year the International World Meeting of Families takes place in Dublin 21 – 26 August and the National Eucharistic Congress 7 – 9 September takes place in Liverpool. There are open invitations to both events, and parishes and schools are being asked to enter into the spirit of both in reflection and prayer at local level. On Tuesday 23 January there will be an introductory evening to both for Parishes and Schools of East Birmingham and Solihull Deanery at St George and St Teresa Parish Centre, Station Road, Dorridge at 7pm. Each parish and school is invited to send at least 2 representatives but all interested are welcome. Bookings are to be confirmed with St George and St Teresa Tel: 01564 772 098 email: admin@catholicchurch.dorridge.uk

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Gerry Coburn <i>Madeleine Coburn</i>	9.00am Richard Bird & Caroline McGonigle <i>Richard Bird & Caroline McGonigle</i>
11.00am Marie Watts Sarah Pitchford	11.00am Tessy Nettikkadan Tessy Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning January 1st for Services 6th/7th January - E Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan, Rebecca Davies	
Flowers Rota: – for week beginning January 1st for Services 6th/7th January Stephanie Withers & Pauline R	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan
Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy	Mick Green	Andrew Simpson
Bernadette Day	Patrick Gallagher	Richard Bird	Russell
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton	
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan	Angela Duffy
Dean	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou	Tony Duffy
Suzanne RhodenTench			

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD 1st January

The holy Fathers of the Church, tell us again and again that Our Lady was more blessed in doing God's will than in being His Mother. She was blessed in two ways. She was blessed in being His Mother; she was blessed in being filled with the spirit of faith and obedience. And the latter blessedness was the greater...St Augustine says: 'More blessed was Mary in receiving the faith of Christ, than in receiving the flesh of Christ.' In like manner St Elizabeth says to her at the Visitation, 'Beata es quae credidisti- Blessed art thou who didst believe'; and St Chrysostom goes as far as to say that she would not have been blessed, even though she had borne Christ in the body, unless she had heard the word of God and kept it.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman



Please pray for: Betty Violet Grealey (Requiem Friday 5th January, 10am;) and Nancy French (Requiem, St Thomas More Church Sheldon; Monday 8th January 2018, 10.30am) who died recently. Also Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen (Kay) Margaret Perry, Francis Gerard Kelly, Ann (Hilda) Hammond, Reg Breakwell, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Devlin and Thomas Kennedy and all those whose anniversaries are at this time:

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