

Good News!

30th December 2018 • Holy Family

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. Practising Catholics, clear in conscience that they are properly prepared, may receive **holy communion**. Others are invited to come forward for a **blessing**. If so, please place your hand on your heart to indicate this to the priest, deacon or minister.



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Masses, Intentions & other services

Check mass intentions online at bit.ly/mass-intentions

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| Sat 29 5pm | Sanders & Perry Families RIP |
| Sun 30 8am | Maria Rowland |
| 10.30am | Parish and People |
| Mon 31 | No Mass |
| Tue 1 10am | Parish and People |
| Wed 2 9.15am | Saunders & Perry families RIP |
| Thu 3 9:15am | Peter Nycz RIP |
| Fri 4 9.15am | Eileen Hennedy Intentions |
| Sat 5 10am | Parish & People |

6th January • Epiphany

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| Sat 5 5pm | Malcolm Baker RIP |
| Sun 6 8am | Sarah Clamp RIP & Sheila Gleve RIP |
| 10.30am | Sarah Clamp RIP & Sheila Gleve RIP |

Saints & Holy Days 1st Mary, Mother of God, 2nd St Basil & St Gregory; 3rd Holy Name of Jesus

Confessions usually Sat 9-9.50am, 10.30-11am, 4.30-4.50pm.

Parish Income 23rd Dec £440.90 (£158.70 Gift Aid), Poor Parishes £268.03 (£28.75 Gift Aid).. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for your great generosity in your prayers, cards, gifts and Christmas offerings. Fr Peter

Please pray for ...

... those who have died recently: Leanne Lister

... for those with anniversaries this coming week: 1st Annie Weatherby, 2nd Eileen Mona Dockery, 6th William Rice, Shelagh Gleve, Jean Golik.

... for those in particular need of our prayers: Anne Costello, John Morris, Peter Garnett, Ray Bishop

St Mary's Centre 01543 579364

Sunday Carvery 12-4pm £6.95

Wednesday Carvery 5.30-8pm 2 for £10

Thursday 5.30-8pm 2 for £10 (OAP £4 each)

Friday 5.30pm-8.30pm from 2 for £10

ALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR

| ROTAS | Readers Sat 5pm | Ministers Sat 5pm | Readers Sun 8am | Ministers Sick Visiting | Readers Sun 10.30am | Ministers Sun 10.30am | Counters | Cleaning | Stole Washing |
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| December 30th Holy Family | Sister Shirley Weatherby | A & R Hinsley D & M Hibberts | Margaret Tym | Colman Whitelaw | Callum Pearce Wendy Owens | S Clancy, E Sargeant, Amy Pritchard Javier Gonzalez-Fritz | M. Powell, S. Nelson | Team 2 S & P Kilgallon G Dockery | Nancy Costello |
| Jan 6th Epiphany | Pat Wilson Doug Bruce | D Gleve, S Weatherby Jo Burrowes & R Cranney | Shirley Weatherby | M Sargeant | Justine Lomas Clare Jackson | P & C Garnett A Gaughan M Harris | G. Keeling, C. Bridges | Team 3 M. Jones, S Clancy G Dockery | Pat Wilson |

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

He went down with them to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

Today's Gospel describes a trying moment for the anxious parents of Jesus as they searched for him for three days. When they eventually found him in the Temple they gained a remarkable insight, even though they were not to understand it immediately. They must have been bewildered when the twelve-year-old Christ asked: Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?

There may have been things said and done in the course of this year which we will only fully appreciate in time to come. We can learn from Our Lady who stored up all these things in her heart. The heart often forms an appreciation of what is good and true before the mind has reached its understanding.

Among the blessings for the Archdiocese in the past year was the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, in which more than 700 of parishioners took part. This helped us to prepare for the IICSA hearings in November and December, and to be more faithful to the Lord's teaching: *Treat others as you would like them to treat you*. This was also evident during the World Meeting of Families last August in Dublin in which 18 families from the Diocese took part. Looking to the coming year, on 3rd February there will be Mass of Thanksgiving at St Chad's Cathedral for all married couples especially those celebrating significant anniversaries next year.

The marriage of Our Lady and St Joseph was lifelong and loving as they nurtured and brought up the Son of God. May the Holy Family of Nazareth watch over the family of our Archdiocese this coming year – and may you and your family be richly blessed this Christmastide and as the new year unfolds.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham