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Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th December 2015 YEAR C

Dear Parishioners,

'Mary, Mother of my Lord. Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her she is prompt to obey and in her flesh God's word becomes incarnate. Of all women she is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of His creatures. She is the servant of everyone. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy. She is the same for us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The next two Baptismal Preparation Evenings will take place on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We look forward to celebrating the Feast of our Saviour's birth and thank you in anticipation of all your help and prayerful support. Do please take the opportunity of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few days. **There is a Penance Service** at St Thomas More's in Sheldon on Monday 21st December at 7pm. Also, we have a Penance Service here at St Augustine's on Tuesday 22nd December at 7pm. We will be helped by Father Gerardo. There will be free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. The Penance Service will include the opportunity for individual confession. Remember to gain the Plenary Indulgence in this Year of Mercy. The conditions necessary for gaining it are explained on a small piece of paper available in the Pugin Porch.

There will be Carols around the Wards at Heartlands Hospital on Monday 21st December at 6.30pm. All are welcome. **St. Thomas More's Church** is holding a Carol Service this Sunday at 5.00pm.

There are free copies of a colourful Calendar for 2016 produced by the Columban Missionaries. They are available in both porches. Our thanks to the Columbans for this gift. **Our thanks also** to Father Dan Horgan for leading our last 3 'Journeying Together In faith' Meetings. We reflected on 'Laudato Si', the Pope's letter on caring for creation.

Our congratulations and thanks for your generous contributions towards last weekend's second collection for Aid to the Church In Need. Thank you for all the support and generosity you have shown for so many events in the recent weeks. We are so grateful to our Lord for inspiring such faithful service in your hearts.

Marie Watts writes: 'Carols by Candlelight: HCPT Fundraising event. Thanks for everyone who supported this evening. A very jolly time was had by all and we shall be sending a cheque for £258 to the HCPT. Your generosity is much appreciated. A very happy Christmas to you all.'

The Christmas Crib Offerings will be given to 'The Friends of the Holy Land' and to 'Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham.' The collection at the Christmas Masses will be your traditional offering to the Priests of the parish.

<p>Saturday 19th December Advent Feria O RADIX JESSE (ROOT OF JESSE) Father Peter Stonier</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 9.00am John Patrick O'Donnell-RIP Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 12.30pm Angela Whitehouse-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent O CLAVIS DAVID (KEY OF DAVID) Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers Father Kumar Syan</p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 9.00am Frederick Law-RIP 11.00am Mr & Mrs Kate Wild-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 21st December Advent Feria St Peter Canisius Father R Szczodrowski O ORIENS (O DAY SPRING)</p>	<p>Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Maureen Mary McDonnell-RIP</p>	
<p>Tuesday 22nd December Advent Feria Father Craig Szmidt O REX GENTIUM (O KING OF THE NATIONS)</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Anna & Eugene O'Donnell-RIP Pauline Gallagher-RIP 7.00pm Penance Service</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd December St John of Kanty Father Anthony Talbot O EMMANUEL</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke :57-66 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Zigfred & Vanda Cettler-RIP Anne McGowan-RIP</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p>
<p>Thursday 24th December Advent Feria Father David Tams</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 12.30pm Daniel Brosnan-RIP Deceased Members of the Reynolds Family 4.pm Thomas, Catherine & Frances-Anne Kelly- RIP Maureen Seager-RIP 8.30pm Helena Oldfield-RIP Deceased members of the Mullen Family</p>	<p>Page 97 Parish Missal  Confessions 11.00-12.00pm 8.00pm Carols and Readings</p>
<p>Friday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Father Aldo Tapparo</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 9.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 11.00am Laurence Morgan-Poorly All People of the Parish</p>	
<p>Saturday 26th December FEAST OF ST STEPHEN Father Robert Taylerson</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 10.00am Terry Grant-RIP Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 OR 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 12.30pm Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>Sunday 27th December Feast of the Holy Family Canon Peter Taylor</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 OR 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 9.00am Elsie Poulsen-Intention 11.00am John Doherty-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week:£:1067:74 (Gift Aid £261:86 Loose £805:88)

Second Collection last week: Aid To The Church In Need-£1342:15

Congratulations-to the lucky winners of our raffle for the Charity Aid to The Church in Need. The results were:

1st Prize- the Bicycle- Green Ticket No 599

2nd Prize- Christmas Hamper- Blue Ticket No 100

3rd Prize- Tin of Celebrations- Green Ticket No 560

4th Prize- Panattone- Blue Ticket No 313

HOLY YEAR- As part of the extra devotions for the Holy Year of Mercy there will be a Jubilee Holy Hour on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 6.15pm This will be held by candlelight and will conclude with Benediction.

CHRISTMAS EVE READERS

12.30pm Kate McNamara

4.00pm Anthony Killeen

8.00pm Gerry Coburn Madeleine Coburn

Mary Clark Michael Keating

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

12.30pm Chris Docker

4.00pm Helen Brookes

8.30pm Angela Keating Madeleine Coburn

CHRISTMAS DAY READERS

9.00am Pam Davis

11.00am Chris Hodrien

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9.00am Joan Doyle Dan Doyle

11.00am Annette Kelly Eilish Duffy

Readers this week

Sunday

9.00am Madeleine Coburn

Anthony Killeen

11.00am Chris Hodrien

Juliana Benjamin

Eucharistic Ministers this week

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11.00am *Dasan Nettikkadan*

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Cleaning Rota: for week beginning 21st December Services, December 26th/27th- D

Mary Murray, Pat Ferris, Veronica Norton

Flower Rota for week beginning 21st December Services, December 26th/27th- Chris Docker

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Kathleen McLoughlin

Patricia Jones

Janet Dodman

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Susanna Gordon

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keaney

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Anne White

Katie Kelly

Mick Green

Kim Poole

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Martin & Rita McDonnell

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

Doreen Shirley

Joseph Lockington

James Farmer

Rose Walsh

Megan Jean Zarebski

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

Finbarr Herron

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If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls,

But do not show love to my family, am just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cakes, preparing gourmet meals and arranging

A beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my neighbour, am just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity,

But do not show love to my staff, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and

Sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I see the most, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind,
though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table Linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful that they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who

Can't, and gives for no returns.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break; pearl necklaces will be lost golf clubs will rust. But love will endure,

Please pray for: Ralph Murray who died recently. Also Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Elizabeth Morgan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Damien Peter Crow, Dymphna Mc Dermott, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney Doreen Mary Essex, and Gerard McVeigh whose anniversaries are at this time.

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