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Fr Dominic Kavanagh - Father Andrew McCann and Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Feast of the Holy Family 27th December 2015 YEAR C

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 society is built. A good Christian family is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.' (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.

Thank you for your great support and prayerful participation in the Christmas Masses and Services. Father Andrew, Deacon Kevin and Father Dominic are very conscious of the gracious kindness and generous spirit that is shown to them at this time. We do hope that you will experience the great love and tender mercy of the Christ-Child, and his parents, as we continue our Christmas celebrations. Father Dominic and Father Andrew and Deacon Kevin thank you for your lovely cards and gifts.

Do please try to spread the Good News of God's Mercy to your friends and neighbours and encourage them in this Year of Mercy, to come to know and recognize that 'Jesus is the face of the Father's Mercy.'

There will not be any refreshments after the 12.30pm Mass this Saturday, December 26th.



The Christmas Crib Offerings will be given to 'The Friends of the Holy Land' and to 'Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham' in their work with Asylum Seekers within the Archdiocese.

Next weekend will be celebrated as the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

We will be enrolling two of our young Altar Servers in to the Guild of St Stephen during the 9am Mass on Sunday.

For Friday 1st January, the Solemnity Mary the Mother of God, we will have two Masses- one at 10am and the Extraordinary form of Mass at 6.30pm.

Year 6 have produced two beautiful books containing letters and drawings. They are their own reflections of being present for the Blessing and Opening of the Holy Door on December 8th. They sent their reflections to the Archbishop who has sent a lovely reply. Copies of their work will be left in the main porch for you to look at.

<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>
<p>Monday 28th December FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS Father Solomon Tesfamichael</p>	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mary Concannon-RIP</p>	
<p>Tuesday 29th December FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET Dom Benedict Thompson</p>	<p>Colossians 1:24-29 Luke 22:24-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mrs Pat Mullen-Intention Susan Bradley-RIP</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 30th December <i>Sixth day in the Christmas Octave</i> Father Anthony Timlin</p>	<p>John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Tessy & Dasan Nattikkadan Wedding Anniversary Eileen & John Kerins-RIP</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p>
<p>Thursday 31st December Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave St Sylvester Father Tom Thomas</p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Marguerite-Intention 12.30pm Eugene & Mary Callaghan</p>	
<p>Friday 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Father Jack Torah</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 10.00am P.J. Shanaham-RIP 6.30pm John Richard Edge-RIP Latin Mass With anointing of the Sick</p>	
<p>Saturday 2nd January St Basil the Great & ST Gregory Nazianzen Canon Mervyn Tower</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 9.00am All People of the Parish Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Father Raymond Tumba</p> 	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 9.00am Veronica & Mothers' Prayers 11.00am Dorothy Hall & Jackie Lemmon-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week:£1,444:83: (Gift Aid £529:50 Loose £915:33)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS- As from 1st January 2016 the Latin Mass will be every First Friday of the month, followed by Anointing of the sick. Friday 1st January 6.30pm. Are you old enough to remember the old Latin Mass? This is the Mass, which was celebrated until the 1960's. Or have you ever been to an old Latin Mass and found it to be spiritually uplifting because of its quiet beauty and sense of reverence? As Pope Benedict said: 'What earlier generations held as sacred remains sacred and great for us too.' We are holding a Traditional Latin Mass on the final Friday of each month at 6.30pm. Why not come along and see if you like it

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS 27th/28th DECEMBER Night Vigil in the Day Chapel, Olton Friary Commencing 10pm. Exposition through the night ending with Mass at 6am. Entrance through Hall. Please come along even for half an hour. Also, **TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE NEW YEAR'S EVE**-9pm in the Church(Olton Friary) followed by Mass.

ST THOMAS MORE'S CHURCH-Holy Hour New Year's Eve 11pm. Followed by Benediction at midnight.

Readers this week

Sunday

9.00am Anthony Killeen
Teresa Cund

11.00am Juliana Benjamin
Mary Clark

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Sunday

9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
Richard Bird & Ken Bolton

11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan
Tessy Nettikkadan

Next week's rota in italics.

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning 28th December Services, January 2nd/3rd- E

Annie Fuller, Trish Embley, Rebecca Davies

Flower Rota for week beginning 28th December Services, January 2nd/3rd- Chris Docker

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Susanna Gordon

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Katie Kelly

Mick Green

Kim Poole

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keaney

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Anne White

James Farmer

Agnes Carroll

Rose Walsh

Megan Jean Zarebski

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Martin & Rita McDonnell

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

Joseph Lockington

Kathleen McLoughlin

Patricia Jones

Janet Dodman

Doreen Shirley

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Finbarr Herron

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

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: Philomena Margaret Simcox who died recently. Also Gerald Reddington, Mary Concannon,

Thomas Kennedy, Helen Patricia Bird, Maureen Ferran, Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen(Kay) Margaret Perry, Francis Gerard Kelly, (Hilda) Ann Hammond, and Reg Breakwell whose anniversaries are at this time.

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