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FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY YEAR B 28th December 2014

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.)


This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop. Copies are available in both porches. Please pray for baby Aoife who is to be baptized during the 10am Mass next Friday. The Baptismal preparation evenings for January will take place on Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 21st January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We have two meetings for the parents of our First Holy Communion Children. They will take place on Wednesday 21st January and Wednesday 28th January at 8pm in the Parish Hall. We will request free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Altar Servers enrolment Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd January at 9am.

Father Dominic writes: 'Father Frank, Father Andrew and I wish to thank you for all your help with the preparations for the Christmas Liturgies. We thank especially all who have cleaned and prepared the Church; those who have beautified it with the flowers, Cribs and Tree. We thank all who have been involved with a ministry within the Masses-Altar Servers, Choir, Organists, Readers and Special Ministers and Church Wardens.

We are very grateful for your beautiful cards and messages and for having Mass offered for our intentions. Thank you sincerely for your gifts and Christmas offerings. You have shown great generosity in so many different ways and this remains for us a true cause of thanksgiving to God. We wish you all continued Blessings during the Christmas Season, asking the Christ-child to bring you abundant peace and joy.'

<p>Saturday 27th December FEAST St John</p> <p>Father Peter Weatherby</p>	<p>10.00am –No Mass Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 12.30pm John Sutton-RIP 6.00pm Geraldine Gill-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>Sunday 28th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p> <p>Father Anton Webb</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 9.00am Hadley & Gallagher Family 11.00am Mary Concannon-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 29th December FEAST St Thomas Becket</p> <p>Father Joseph Welch</p>	<p>Colossians 1:24-29 Luke 22:24-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Thanksgiving(T&E) John Richard Edge-RIP</p>	
<p>Tuesday 30th December Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave</p> <p>Father Terence Whatmore</p>	<p>1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Tessy & Dasan- Wedding Anniversary 12.30pm No Mass</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 31st December Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave</p> <p>Father Edmund Whelan</p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Eileen & John Kerins-RIP</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p>
<p>Thursday 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD</p> <p>Father Paul Whieldon</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Anna O'Donnell-RIP 12.30pm All People of the Parish</p>	
<p>Friday 2nd January St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</p> <p>Father Michael White</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Rachel Duffy & Family 6.30pm Mary Smith & Extended Family Latin Mass With Anointing of the Sick</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd January Christmas Feria Most Holy Name of Jesus</p> <p>Mgr Anthony Wilcox</p>	<p>1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 9.00am Marion Kelly-RIP Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP 6.00pm John Field-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>Sunday 4th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p> <p>Mgr Graham Wilkinson</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 9.00am Angela Keating-Intention 11.00am Denis McGettigan</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
		

Offertory Collection last week : £ 1,150:10 (Gift Aid £357:72 Loose 792:38)

LADIES RETREAT AT ALTON CASTLE- 23rd-25th January. Theme Women of Faith- cost £75 including meals. Contact suzanne1025@aol.com or mobile 07973741062

OFFERING HOPE WHEN THE CRADLE IS EMPTY- 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 the Life Fertility Care Clinic 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.' For details: www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk or Life Fertility Care 01926834654

LATIN MASS- Friday 2nd January 2015 6.30pm

ALTAR SERVERS-Enrolment in to the Guild of St Stephen will take place at the 9.00am Mass on Saturday 3rd January 2015

KENELM YOUTH TRUST-The staff at the Kenelm Youth Trust wish to thank you for the support given to the Youth Service during the past year, especially on National Youth Sunday. There are currently a number of employment opportunities within the Kenelm YouthTrust at Alton Castle and BCYS. Are you interested in working for the Diocese? Come along to an open evening for 30 minutes between 6pm and 8pm Monday January 19th 2015, Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA Or Monday January 26th 2015 at Alton Castle, Castle Hill Road Alton, Stoke-On-Trent ST10 4TT

Readers this week

Saturday

6pm Richard Bird
Juliana Benjamin

Sunday

9.00am *Bernard McHale*
Anthony Killeen
11.00am Chris Hodrien
Kevin O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Saturday

6pm Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
Joan & Dan Doyle

Sunday

9.00am Caroline McGonigle & Ken Bolton
Don Deneny & Mary Deneny
11.00am Helen Brookes & Dasan Nettikkadan
Tessy Nettikkadan & Kevin O'Connor

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 29th Services January 3rd/4th-A

A.Ryder, M.Clark, C.Sinha

Flower Rota: for week beginning 29th December for Services Jan 3rd/4th-Chris Docker

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Irene Sutton

Katie Kelly

Felicite Dormer

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Anthony McCann

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Kathleen McLoughlin

Agnes Carroll

Mick Green

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keane

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Mark Thomas

Anne White

Gary Phipps

Eileen Phipps

Patricia Jones

Rose Walsh

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Xiu Ping Chen

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

John Farrelly

Joseph Lockington

James Farmer

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Philip Docker

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Bernard Naylor

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

Finbarr Herron

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



The Natural Order of Things

Let us be contented with what has happened to us and thankful for all we have been spared. Let us accept the natural order in which we move. Let us reconcile ourselves to the mysterious rhythm of our destinies, such as they must be in this world of space and time. Let us treasure our joys but not bewail our sorrows. The glory of light cannot exist without its shadows. Life is a whole, and good and ill must be accepted together. The journey has been enjoyable and well worth making- once.
Winston Churchill

Please pray for: Timothy O'Shea (Requiem Monday 5th January, 1.30pm

) who died recently. Also 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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