

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Year C Sunday 30th December 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ in the human family. God set 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 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 10th and Thursday 17th January 2019 at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Father Dominic writes: 'On behalf of Father Paul, Father Fred, Deacon Kevin and I, we wish to offer our heartfelt thanks for your prayerful and joyful participation at the Christmas Masses. To our Choirs, Organists, Choir mistress; to our Special Ministers, Readers, Church Wardens; to our Altar Servers, our sincere thanks. To those who have beautified the Church with flowers, Cribbs and Christmas trees; to our Church Cleaners and those responsible for the Altar Linen and Silverware our thanks also. We are very appreciative of the beautiful cards we have received along with the assurance of prayers and offering of Masses; for the gifts and generous Christmas offerings, thank you so much. We will include all your intentions in a Mass of Thanksgiving which we will offer, and pray that in the new calendar year, our good Lord will continue to bless each and every one of you abundantly.'

There is a Requiem Mass next Friday, 4th January (11am) for Julie Hanly, so no 10am Mass on Friday.

The Christmas Crib Offerings will be shared among the following Charities: The 'LIFE' organisation; 'Origins' which is run by Father Hudson's Care and helps adopted children and parents; and 'Friends of the Holy Land.'

On Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA, the Christian Unity Service will take place. All are welcome. The guest speaker is Mrs Alison McGrory, Head Stronger Communities, S.M.B.C. Also on Tuesday 15th January from 12.30pm at Christ Church, 741 Warwick Road, there will be a United Prayer/Bring & Share Lunch. All are welcome. **We would welcome 2 or 3 Parishioners** who would be willing to become involved in a Deanery Vocations' promotion group. The first Meeting will take place at St Thomas Mores Church on Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm. Please speak with Fr Dominic if interested.

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| <p>29th December</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>FEAST St Thomas Becket</p> | <p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52</p> <p>12.30pm Margaretta-Intention Anne & Pat McGowan-Intention Sarah Dennison-RIP</p> | <p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p> |
| <p>30th December</p> <p>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p>  | <p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52</p> <p>9.00am Sylvester Cotter & Mick & Lena Cahill</p> <p>11.00am Dasan & Tessa 17th Wedding Anniversary</p> | <p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p> |
| <p>31st December</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Christmas Octave St Sylvester</p> | <p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18</p> <p>10.00am All People of the Parish</p> | |
| <p>1st January</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</p> | <p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21</p> <p>10.00am Francis Kelly-RIP</p> <p>12.30pm Ladda & Vito-Intentions</p> | |
| <p>2nd January</p> <p>St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</p> | <p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28</p> <p>9.35am The Rosary</p> <p>10.00am Sheilds Family-Intention Aloysius McCollum-RIP</p> | |
| <p>3rd January</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Christmas Feria The Most Holy Name of Jesus</p> | <p>1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34</p> <p>12.05am The Rosary</p> <p>12.30pm John Joe Jennings-RIP Declan Hallahan-RIP Anselma Bruce-Special Intention</p> | <p>Exposition between 12.00pm- 12.30pm</p> |
| <p>4th January</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Christmas Feria</p> | <p>1 John 3:7-10 John 1: 35 -42</p> <p>10.30am The Rosary</p> <p>11.00am Requiem Julie Hanly</p> <p>6.30pm Roger Embley-RIP Frankie Beattie-RIP</p> <p>Latin Mass-With Anointing of the Sick</p> | <p>No Exposition</p> <p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p> |
| <p>5th January</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>St Charles of St Andrew</p> | <p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>12.30pm Catherine Smith & Mark Green John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP Josephine Colette McAuley-RIP</p> | <p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p> |
| <p>6th January</p> <p>Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord</p>  | <p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>9.00am Brian Mc Daid-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Michael Kiely-RIP</p> | <p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p> |

Offertory Collection last week: £1,273:41 (Gift Aid £372:00 Loose £901:41)

The Archbishop has written a pastoral letter for the Feast of the Holy Family; copies are available in both porches.

THE PARISH MEETING- which took place in September, the Minutes are available on the Parish website. There are also copies available in the side porch.

MARYVALE INSTITUTE- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy & Catholic Traditions; Scholarship offered. See poster in porch for details.

A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham 8.30am – 3.30pm (no cost for this course) Don Bosco House Coventry Road Coleshill B46 3EA Saturday 19th January 2019 Please use the link to book a place on this course: <http://w.pfrms.co/2lhttp>

St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL. Tel : 0121 454 0895 email: enquiry@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk website: www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk Pastoral Administrator - Required for January 2019 Hours: 36.5 plus banked hours Salary: £19,446 - £20,074 depending on experience.

CATHOLIC BICESTER PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - PARISH YOUTH WORKER. Full-time (35 hours per week) See poster in porch for details.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please ask them to contact me via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. I am also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies.

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| Readers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Anthony Killeen <i>Bernard McHale</i> 11.00am Mary Clark Marie Watts Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 31st for Services 5th/6th January – A A Ryder, M Clark, C Sinha Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 31st for Services 5th/6th January –Chris Docker | Eucharistic Ministers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn <i>Madeleine & Gerry Coburn</i> 11.00am Helen Brookes <i>Helen Brookes</i> |
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Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy Margaret Kelly Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora
Keith Frettsome Martin Yates Timothy Hanly

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: Julie Margaret Hanly (Requiem Friday 4th January 11am); Paul Simpson (Requiem Olton Friary Thursday 10th January 10.15am; Reception Wednesday 9th January 5pm); Norman Hart (Requiem Monday 14th January, 11am; Reception Sunday 13th January 6pm) and William French who died recently. Also Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen(Kay) Margaret Perry, Francis Gerard Kelly, (Hilda) Ann Hammond, Reg Breakwell, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock and Daniel Anthony Devlin and all with anniversaries at this time.

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