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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 29th December 2019**

**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 and flourishes. 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.)

**The next two baptismal preparation** evenings will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners and Friends, Father Paul, Father Fred, Deacon Kevin and I thank you for your generous support and prayerful attendance at the Christmas Masses. It was a truly blessed and joyful celebration of the birthday of our Saviour. Thank you to our Altar Servers, Readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, our Choirs, Organists, Choir Mistress, to those who have beautified the Church with flowers, trees and Cribs; thanks to our Church Wardens, Cleaners; to those who help with the Piety and the Children's Liturgy.

**Our thanks for your** beautiful cards, gifts, prayers and Masses and your generous Christmas Offerings. Special thanks to Annette and Franc Kelly for their help, to Bernadette, our Secretary; and to Bobby Ryder for looking after the website.



**In the coming year** St Alphege's congregation celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christian witness in Solihull. A leaflet has been prepared detailing various events taking place over the course of 2020. Please take a leaflet and give the events organised for this anniversary your generous support.

**New Year's Eve** Holy Hour at St Thomas More's Church Sheldon, 11pm until midnight on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December. All welcome.

**There will be a Meeting** for those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and who do not attend St Augustine's Primary School, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm in the Presbytery.

**The next School Mass** at St Augustine's Primary School will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.

**The next Holy Hour by Candlelight** will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6.15pm followed by a Meeting on Evangelisation at 7.30pm. All are welcome. (Continued inside.)

<p>28th December Saturday FEAST Holy Innocents</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 12.30pm Mary Concannon &amp; Mary Pilley-RIP Maureen Aylward-Intention Eileen Cowman-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>29th December  <i>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</i></p> 	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 9.00am Mary &amp; John Edge-RIP  11.00am All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am &amp; 11am Masses</p>
<p>30th December Monday Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</p>	<p>1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Margaretta-Intention</p>	
<p>31st December Tuesday Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas <i>St Sylvester1</i></p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Margaret Campbell-RIP George &amp; Lily Dowson-RIP</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>1st January Wednesday SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 10.00am For the Benefactors of the Church 12.30pm Martin &amp; Joyce Canavan-RIP</p>	
<p>2nd January Thursday St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory of Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 10.00am Bibiyana Jesuthasan-RIP Lourtes &amp; Patsi- Thanksgiving  12.30pm Requiem John Doyle</p>	
<p>3rd January Friday The Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 9.30am Requiem Margaret Kelly  6.30pm Jon White-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>4th January Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm John &amp; Elizabeth Ward-RIP Catherine Smith-RIP Brian McDaid-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>5th January  Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</p> 	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12  9.00am Julie Murphy-RIP  11.00am Tony McCabe-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am &amp; 11am Masses</p>

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**Theology of the Body**; a weekend Retreat 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Venue Alton Castle Alton Stoke on Trent. Please see poster in porch for details. Booking forms available in the Presbytery. Also, **A WELCOME AND SOCIAL EVENT** at Alton Castle. A Murder Mystery Social on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 starting 7pm This is for youngsters 16 years up to 30 years of age, especially those who have no or little experience of the Church. £10 a ticket plus £15 extra for a stay over.

**THE AUGUSTINIAN Magazine** is available. Price £1.00.

**Congratulations to Miss Mary Webb** who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 24<sup>th</sup>; and our congratulations to Frank and Mary Miller who were 60 years married on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM-** Safeguarding Advisor required. 35 hours per week. Details available on notice board.

**FATHER HUDSON'S CARE-** 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020; 7.30pm-1am. St John's Hotel Warwick Road Solihull. Please see poster in porch for details.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING-** Birmingham St Mary's Hospice. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in exchange for a donation your tree will be collected and recycled. Book today; [www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/treecycling](http://www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/treecycling) or telephone 0121 752 8779. See poster in porch for details.

**PURSE FOUND-** on Christmas Eve, please see Fr Dominic.

**With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House** night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at <http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020>. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project.

### Readers this week

#### SUNDAY

9.00am Bernard McHale

*Michael Keating*

11.00am Juliana Benjamin

*Mary Clark*

**Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 30th for Services January 4th/5th January-D**

Mary Murray, Pat Ferris, Veronica Naughton

**Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 30th for Services January 4th/5th January** Cathy Street

### Eucharistic Ministers this week

#### SUNDAY

9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn

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11.00am Annette Kelly

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Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Keith Frettsome

Martin Yates

Virginia Gregory,

Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy

Joan Kennedy

Roberto Cordora

Kevin Fahy

Sandy Simia

Trevor Windle

Colette Hickey

Danny Meadows

Kathleen Beale

Martha Sheridan

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:** John Doyle (Requiem Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 12.30pm) Margaret Kelly (Requiem Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30am; Reception Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 6pm), Zophia Lozinska (Requiem Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 12.00 noon), June Hoefkens

and Laurence Hoefkens (Requiem Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 12.00 noon; Reception Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 5pm) Bridget Bishop (Requiem Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am. Reception 6.00pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>) and Tonino Polidori who died recently. Also, Maureen Ferran, Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen (Kay) Margaret Perry, Francis Gerard Kelly, Hilda (Ann) Hammond, Irene Elizabeth Whitehouse, Reg Breakwell, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, and Marian Agnes Kelly and all with anniversaries at this time.

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