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The Nativity of the Lord

25 December 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Margaret Dakin, Peter & Madge Wolstenholme, Fr Bill Bergin, Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

The homeless

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

The people of Ukraine

Please pray for Eunice Dike *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

As this year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday so therefore does New Year's Day, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This being the case, the **feast of the Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary & Joseph is therefore **transferred to the Friday** of the octave, 30 December.

We are in need of new or additional **Readers to proclaim the Word of God at the Saturday, 5.00pm Mass**. This is an important apostolate and liturgical service, please consider if you could take part in this way at this or any other of our Masses. Thank you.

Our **Childrens' Liturgy** will **resume after the holiday**, at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 8 January.

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's 2022

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is:

1. Get a bag 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's - after 4 January - or leave them at the back of the church (**Any volunteers please to help deliver them?**). Items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre, (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) and you can telephone 255 5720 for more information. The centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, and the items that are needed include: Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, Clothing, incl. men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, Food: boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, stewing steak, tinned vegetables: potatoes, peas & carrots, tomatoes, tinned rice pudding & custard, jars of pickles, Drinks: cordials, hot chocolate, Store cupboard items: brown sauce, salad cream (not glass), pot noodles & cup-a-soups.

We wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas! We pray that you and your loved ones may enjoy the blessings of good health in the coming New Year and that the peace of Christ may reign in your hearts and homes.

Fr Mark McManus, Deacon Simon Hegarty

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of our parishes who contribute to the life of our community throughout the year. Service takes many forms and a non-exhaustive list includes: our deacon, Simon, servers & sacristans, organist & singers, reading & ministering, meeting & greeting, church cleaning & laundering, childrens' liturgy & sacramental preparation, working in the office, at the piety stall, maintaining websites, grounds & buildings, supporting our schools, the SVP & the sick and the housebound... in short, all who work and serve in anyway.

Fr M

The Holy Night

We sate among the stalls at Bethlehem;
The dumb kine from their fodder turning them,
Softened their horned faces
To almost human gazes
Toward the newly Born:
The simple shepherds from the star-lit brooks
Brought their visionary looks,
As yet in their astonished hearing rung
The strange sweet angel-tongue:
The magi of the East, in sandals worn,
Knelt reverent, sweeping round,
With long pale beards, their gifts upon the ground,
The incense, myrrh, and gold
These baby hands were impotent to hold:
So let all earthlies and celestials wait
Upon thy royal state.
Sleep, sleep, my kingly One!

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The Sacred Liturgy

<p>Sunday 25 December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i></p>	<p>8.45am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty</p>
<p>Saturday 31 December <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p>5.00pm Ron Ashworth</p>
<p>Sunday 1 January <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i></p>	<p>8.45am Thomas Conway Snr 10.00am For the People</p>
<p>Monday 2 January <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i></p>	<p>10.00am Intentions of the McManus Family</p>
<p>Tuesday 3 January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></p>	<p>10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood</p>
<p>Wednesday 4 January <i>Christmastide weekday</i></p>	<p>November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 5 January <i>Vigil Mass of The Epiphany of The Lord</i></p>	<p>7.00pm Leanne Wainwright</p>
<p>Friday 6 January <i>Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord</i></p>	<p>9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of Bishop Heskett</p>
<p>Saturday 7 January <i>Christmastide weekday Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p>5.00pm Celia & Joe Abel</p>
<p>Sunday 8 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p>8.45am For the People 10.00am Intentions of Patrick Clarke</p>

Last week's collection was £771.28 (£476.00 in offertory envelopes, £295.28 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Our Crib Offerings will be donated to **help the Homeless.**