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BETHARRAM

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**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
**Listen to God during
Mass**
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

Numbers 6: 22-17;
Psalm 66;
Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2: 16-21

|  This Week 1st January – 8th January (Psalter Week 2) | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events  |
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| Sunday 1st January Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Year A | 8.30 am Harold & Bridie Mason RIP & Tom & Pearl Rawlings RIP (S & SR) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stall unavailable. |
| Monday 2nd January Memorial of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church | 10.00 am Ints. of Kevin Larkin (EL) | 1.00 pm Wedding Service |
| Tuesday 3rd January Christmas feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass | |
| Wednesday 4th January Christmas feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 Holy Mass | |
| Thursday 5th January Christmas feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thomas Taylor RIP (CS) | |
| Friday 6th January Christmas feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Pope (EK) | |
| Saturday 7th January Christmas feria | 10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Matthew (SM) | 10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions |
| Sunday 8th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A | 8.30 am Margaret, Margherita & Robert McCool (JA) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR) | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall |



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30: O God, be gracious and bless us.

6.00 pm: To be announced during Mass

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Adam Barnridge, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Jonathan Cunningham, Tia Cunningham, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Paul Harding, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Billy Lydon, Eileen Kilminster, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, John Price, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Bridgid Yates and Fr. Tom's sisters (Bridgie & Maura).

Fr. Vincent SCJ, Fr. Brian SCJ, Fr. Tom SCJ and Bro. Patrick SCJ would like to express our gratitude and thank everyone in our parish community for your Christmas cards, Christmas offering, prayers, presents, support and help. We wish all a happy, prosperous & grace-filled 2017.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

NON-VIOLENCE AS A STYLE OF POLITICS FOR PEACE

"I ask God to help all of us cultivate non-violence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and non-violence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of non-violent peace-making. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order may non-violence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms. All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peace-makers. In 2017 may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming a non-violent people and to building non-violent communities that care for our common home. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace."

Pope Francis, from the Vatican, December 8th 2016.

VOBIS GRATIAS AGO

As we welcome the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us (Sacred Heart Community) your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2016. I would like say a big thank you to all those members of different committees and groups of the parish who have helped me in so many different ways during this year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and Liturgy, especially at Christmas. Finally, may I wish everyone a very, very happy and prosperous New Year. Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ.

MISSION BOXES: MY DAILY GIFT TO THE MISSIONS

Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to thank all those who support the Sacred Heart Fathers Missions in India through small cardboard "My Daily Gift to the Missions" boxes and through other ways. These donation boxes are available at the back of Church for you to take home, fill over time and then return. Such donations are used for the benefit of the Sacred Heart Missions and will be gratefully received. The Sacred Heart Missions support and train young men in India, Thailand and Vietnam for Priesthood. The Sacred Heart Fathers also work among the poor and indigenous people in Assam, the North-East of India. Bro. Michael SCJ, who is the Mission Co-ordinator, has produced a booklet, *Mission Awareness*. This booklet has information about the Missions that the Sacred Heart Fathers do in different countries. These are available at no charge from the back of church. Please take one with you. If anyone would like to visit and teach English to the students and have some experience in the Missions in Thailand and India, you are most welcome. Thank you for your continued support for the Indian Missions.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that over the Christmas break there will be no Adoration in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 4th January. Adoration will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2017. Many thanks for your support and prayers. Catherine Ingram.

PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office until Wednesday 4th January. If you have any urgent Parish Hall queries, please could you contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437. For any other urgent query, please contact Father Vincent. Many thanks.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30th November are now available. Five copies are on the noticeboard at the back of church for parishioners to take away and read at leisure. Please return these when you have finished with them so that others may use them. If anyone would like a personal copy, please leave your email address or SAE for Jenny Leonard at the back of the church and a copy will be sent to you.

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. For further information, please see the poster on the noticeboard. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

If you have a child/children attending a non-Catholic school in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact Father Vincent as soon as possible. The classes will begin at the beginning of next year. Children will need to produce their Baptism Certificate at the first meeting. We also need some help to prepare the children. If anyone is able to help, please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ. Many thanks.



TRAIDCRAFT STALL

The stall is now closed until Sunday 8th January 2017.

THE BIG PICTURE

The first part of the Big Picture has now finished for the year and will re-start at the beginning of Lent.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY 2017

The 2017 Year Book and Directory is now available from the Piety Stall priced at £3.00.

FACE2FACE CONFERENCE

This conference is for young men aged 14 to 18 years. It takes place on Wednesday 5th April 2017 from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm at the National Motorcycle Museum. Entry is free; further details are on the poster on the noticeboard.



**Mass Attendance
Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day: 767**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**NEWMAN
ASSOCIATION -
WORCESTER CIRCLE**

A talk on *Aspects of
Ecumenism: Our
Common Pilgrimage*
will be given by Dr
John Inge, Bishop of
Worcester, on
Thursday 19th January
at 7.30 pm at St
George's Parish Hall,
Worcester. All are
welcome. Non
members £3.00.
Please see the poster
and leaflets at the
back of Church for full
details.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalms 71;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 8th January until Sunday 18th April 2017 that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Kate Dalglish if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

REFUGEE KNITTING

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE RESPONSE TO THE RECENT APPEAL. The knitting as usual was so beautiful and made with such love and care. I so wish we were able to see the children's and adult's responses when they receive the items. For parishioners who may like to help in the future, we send all sizes of hats, gloves, scarves, baby and children's jumpers and cardigans, pram and bed blankets and knitted toys. If anyone wishes to knit adult sizes, these would be so gratefully accepted also. Wool, patterns, needles and buttons are available in the porch to help defray costs and donations of the same would be very welcome. Currently the items are being despatched to camps in France, Lebanon and Egypt and the monthly collections will continue into the new year. The January date to be yet arranged. Once again thank you all so much for your continual support.

