

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Christmas is a time when we often think about our families and spend a good deal of time with them. The theme of the family is beautifully portrayed in this weekend's feast of the Holy Family. We reflect in a special way on the love of God for Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus. This image becomes so much more real when we spend a few moments in prayer before our beautiful crib. The image of the crib is beautiful, in fact it is perfect but as we know this is not how family life always is. Often in families there are people we may have fallen out with or don't get on with. People who may have wronged us many years ago and we still find it hard to forgive and so we carry a resentment towards them. The image of the Holy Family reminds us that forgiveness and reconciliation are a part of family life too. Maybe if there is someone we don't rub along with, now is the time to bury the hatchet and put it right. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the cards, gifts and offerings I received over the Christmas period. I am very touched by your kindness. I am also so grateful to all those who worked so hard to prepare the Church and to help the services to run smoothly. I had a lovely break with my family and friends in North Wales. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year, may God Bless our parish community throughout 2018, Fr Andy.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa, Anne Bergonzi

The Lawns

Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond, Winifred Galvin

Clarence House
Clarendon Manor
Castle Brook
Galanos House

Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley

NEXT WEEK	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
7.1.18		
8.00am	June Arran	Tony Harris, Katherine Wimpenny, Kim Kearns
5.30pm	Martha Sullivan	Anne Sayce, May Murphy, Julia Leask



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns
In memory of Michael Ryan*

31ST DECEMBER 2017
Feast of the Holy Family

**PARISH NEWS ITEMS**

Cold Weather: This must be the worst time of year to be homeless and hungry. Please **don't forget the baskets in the narthex** for dried and tinned food to be given to those who need it so badly.

Used Stamps: At this time when we receive more post than usual, please think of leaving your used stamps in the basket in the narthex. They are prepared by Myrna Harwar and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise valuable funds for their important work.

Presents under the tree: There was a wonderful display of gifts under the trees in church. Thanks to everyone who contributed - they were safely delivered during Advent. Thank you for your kindness to those who have so little.

Monica Prayers: This gentle time is a specific opportunity for those present to pray for their loved ones who have abandoned their faith. The group will meet in church on Fridays at 6.00pm for about half an hour's time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held fortnightly at St. Peter's, with the middle Fridays alternating between St. Joseph's and Our Lady's. This week it will be at St. Peter's.

Office Hours: The office has been closed between Christmas and New Year, but if you left a message, Hazel will contact you in the next week. Thank you!

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle
Intentions: Would you like to

burn **Our Lady's 7 Day Candle** in memory of a loved one, for **someone's intentions**, in thanksgiving, or for any other reason? Then please complete an envelope located by **Our Lady's statue in the church**. The suggested donation is £5.

200 Club: The next collection will be on 14th January 2018.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible: Meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 28 Cubbington Road, Lillington, CV32 7AB between 1.10—2.45pm For more information please contact Caroline on Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk/01926257123.

VACANCY: Caretaker/cleaner is required for our Parish Centre. This will require approximately 5 hours per week and the hours will be variable. If any parishioner is interested, please speak to Fr. Andy or Hazel as soon as possible.

New Year Shared Supper: Saturday 13th January St. Peter's Parish Centre after 5pm Mass and to include St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St. Joseph's. For all parishioners and especially those who are new to the area. We hope that many groups and organisations will have a display. Bring food and drink to share. Entertainers wanted! Contact Peter 428399.

New Year's Eve @ St Peter's
An evening of worship, celebration of Mass and a party to follow. It is open to the whole parish and beyond. A faith-filled and fun celebration for all ages. Young people must be accompanied by a guardian. A great way to see the New Year in! Starts at 10.30 pm.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 30 December <i>Psalter Week 1</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Simon & Kevin Daly Thomas Scanlon Maureen, Harry & Anthony Willis	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 31 December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> ****	SJ OL SP SJ SP	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm 11.30 pm	People of the Parish Margaret Fitzmaurice Gerry Quinn Mary & Tom Beirne Roisin & Tommy Blair Peter A. Watts People of the Parish	Exposition & Confession: SP: 10.30-11.15pm
Monday 1 January 2018 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	SP OL SJ	10.00 am 12 Noon 12 Noon	John & Helen McCann Nowak Family Special Intention	** Bank Holiday **
Tuesday 2 January <i>St Basil the Great;</i> <i>St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Deceased members of the Ireson and Geoghegan families Fidelis & Joe Cunningham	SJ: 9.10am Rosary
Wednesday 3 January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	OL SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm	Muriel Acheson Thomas McDonnell & Family	
Thursday 4 January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Margaret Ward Special Intention	
Friday 5 January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	OL SP SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.00 pm	James O'Rourke William & Kathleen O'Shea St Monica's Prayer Service Special Intention	SP: 11am Exposition SJ: Mass with Novena to the Scared Heart
Saturday 6 January <i>Christmas Feria</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Special Intention Deceased members of the Burns Family Josephine & Michael O'Neill Bridget O'Donnell	SJ: 9.15am Morning Prayer Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL:
Sunday 7 January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish John Lane Phillis O'Neill Susan Day & Tony McAndrew John Gately	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Christmas Thanks
Our Christmas liturgies this year were wonderful and the church, as always but especially on the big occasions, looked beautiful and festive. Inevitably, many people worked very hard to make it so. Many thanks to those who have cleaned, arranged flowers and prepared for the liturgies both in terms of the music and what happens on the sanctuary, especially perhaps, those who worked quietly in the background to ensure that everything was as it should be. Thank you to the Ministers and Readers from all three churches who took on the additional duties required here at St. Joseph's. Thanks again to all those who decorated the trees and to those who erected the crib. Thank you also for the donations for flowers. Not least, thanks to all who attended and supported our various services. We are all very grateful for your contributions towards a blessed celebration of the Saviour's birth

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May I wish you all a healthy, happy and blessed 2018 on behalf of all the clergy of our three churches and thank everyone for their kind wishes and gifts over the Christmas Season
Fr. Andy

ANNIVERSARIES

George Patrick Harris, Glennis Burton, Bob Rego, Patrick Moran, John McMahon, Bernard Lanning, Don Mason, Peter McSweeney, Katherine Underhill, Michael James Dorgan, John Stephen Ruby, Peter James Johnson, Eva Irvine, Salvatore Viviani, Giuseppe Urso

Crib Offering

This year, through Advent and Christmas, our crib offerings will be for Helping Hands in Leamington and, at the request of the Archbishop, to support persecuted Christians in the holy land.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Many of you will know Patricia Burrige, **Mary Rogerson's sister**. She spent many holidays in the parish. Sadly, Pat died unexpectedly Two weeks ago, and we offer our condolences to Mary and all the family.

Also Olga Kelly who was resident in The Lawns died on 22nd December. We offer our condolences to the family. Her body will be received into church on Monday 15th January at 5pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16th January at 11am followed by burial in Leamington Cemetery at 12.30pm.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Mon: *No Dancing until 8th Jan*
- Tues: *No Tuesday Club until 9th Jan*
- Wed: *No Art Group this week*
7.30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 1
7.00pm Weight Watchers
- Fri: *No Karate*
- Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK
24.12.17

Offertory Collection:
Christmas Offering
Thank you

2nd Collection:
None

Attendance
581

