

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

### 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019



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Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Gerard & Phyllis Deegan (Anniv.) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Ann & Joe Cousins & Family	
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>		
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Helen & John Doyle and Family Sean McCrave (Birthday)	
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am <b>Requiem Mass</b> 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Martha Jean Young Private Intention	
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Monica Private Intention	
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Paula & George Black Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Margaret Gallagher	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
<b>Mass attendance last weekend: 215 Christmas Day: 308</b> <b>Last week's first collection: £461.29; Gift Aid: £156.00.</b> <b>Thank You.</b>	<b>Reading Rota</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
	Today	Maria Vaughan	Tony Scanlon
	Next Week	Claudia Rei	Crystal Kofie

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church today for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, especially if you are visiting our parish for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including:** Frank Meadowcroft, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Gabrielle, and all the sick. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one included on the list, please let me know in writing.

**Those who have died.** Please pray for **Fr. Eugene Nee, Deacon Peter Mason, Walter Harban, Martha Young and Sean Gillespie** and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Martin Power, Frs. Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Davis, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, James Bromley, and Deacon William Murphy, and also Michael Cunningham, Catherine Coyle, Michael Sullivan, Ambrose Charles Quinn, Robert McCavert, Dolly Parker, Marion McKernan, Marian Clayton, Tommy Snow, Rita Phillips, Lilian Maud McDermott, Elen Synott, Mary Collins, Michael McConnell, Paul Boland, Leonard Davies, Joseph Sullivan, John Moss, Olga Maguire, Eileen Donnelly, Mary McCrave, Heinje Casson, Maureen Griffin and Angela Moloney. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**The Epiphany.** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and Christmastide ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Christmas Decorations.** Although Christmastide in the Church's calendar doesn't end until next Sunday, it is traditional to take down the Christmas decorations at Twelfth Night. That being the case, we shall take the Christmas Crib and the Tree down tomorrow, and put the decorations into storage for another year. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the church so beautiful and prayerful this Christmas.

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**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers (Birthday).**  
**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Tommy Snow (Anniversary) RIP.**

**The Christmas Crib Offerings.** Because the crib is being put away after tonight, this is your last chance to make a donation to our charities. This year the offerings will be divided between an international charity – Aid to the Church in Need (supporting persecuted Christians) – and a local charity – the Coventry Winter Night Shelter.

**Congratulations to Josie Dekkers on her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Happy Birthday, Josie.**

**Carriers of Hope.** If you have any unwanted/unneeded Christmas presents, please don't automatically throw them away – in March we shall be taking our turn to help out with Carriers of Hope in the City Centre and it may be that your gifts will find a home.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally observed from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. This year the theme is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). **The annual service for Christian Unity** will be held in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm, when the Speaker will be the Revd Dr Gabrielle Thomas. Everyone welcome.

**The "Good Counsel Network"** have sent this message: 'On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)'

**Father Hudson's 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball** will return to the National Conference Centre (beside the National Motorcycle Museum, B92 0EJ), starting at 7:30pm on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The 114<sup>th</sup> Ball raised £7,160 for Father Hudson's projects and the volunteer committee are working on making 2019's event even bigger and better. The Marmites return to entertain with live music, and Jimmy's Tombola and the silent auction are back by public demand. We will be joined by the High Sherriff of the West Midlands, Chris Loughran, and Miss West Midlands, Niamh Conway. Tickets cost £40 and are available from Libby Musgrave: e-mail [libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or call 01675-434059. The price includes a three-course meal.

**200 Club winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £15: No. 21; M. Benham.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £5: No. 79; A. Burke.

**Going Into Hospital.** Please do let me know if you or someone you know is going into hospital. It is also important that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Also, many hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Mental Health Units apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made, so you are actually doing the Church a favour by asking for the chaplain (Fr. Paul) and for the Sacraments while you are in hospital.

**Tailpiece:** It was the Sunday after Christmas at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church in Borden, Kent. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed



the baby Jesus was missing from the scene. Immediately, Father John turned towards the presbytery in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little Infant, Jesus. Father John walked up to Harry and said, 'Well, Harry, where did you get

the little Infant?' Harry replied honestly, 'I took Him from the church, Father.' 'And why did you take him?' With a sheepish smile, Harry said, 'Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it.'

*Thank you again for your very generous Christmas offerings and for the gifts and cards that I received. I hope your Christmas was as good as mine. May God bless you all in 2019.*  
**Fr. Harry.**

**It is good that people feel welcome when they come to church, but the noise levels in the church before Mass have been increasing recently as people chat to one another, which is distracting for people who are trying to say their prayers and prepare for Mass.**

**Please remember: before Mass we talk to God; during Mass God talks to us; after Mass we talk to one another.**

#### **Prayer Before Mass**

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.