

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Our church is always full at Christmas for both Masses. This year, of course, our capacity is very reduced, and we will need to do things differently. If necessary, Fr George will celebrate four Masses - two on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas Morning, in order to accommodate everyone. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 5.00pm and 7.00pm while Christmas Morning will be at 9.00am and 10.30am. Attendance will be strictly by booking to ensure that everyone has a chance for a Christmas Liturgy.

This will, however, only be possible if we have enough **stewards** to help welcome and seat people, and even more importantly, **cleaners** to sanitize the church between Masses. If you would be willing to steward and/or clean for any of these Masses, please register by Sunday 22nd November with the sisters on 02476 612193 or email stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk.

We can only confirm the number of Masses and take bookings for attendance once we have the required number of stewards and cleaners so please, if you possibly can, come and help so we can make Christmas special for everyone by making sure we can all go to Mass.

Up to now we have had some people come forward and volunteer, but we still need several more. Please volunteer if you can.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS DURING NOVEMBER

We usually have envelopes for Masses for our deceased loved ones during November and the names are typed up for us all to take a list away. This year we are asking you to use any envelope and mark it Holy Souls. You can either put your envelope through Father George's door or phone the parish on 02476 612193 and give the names to one of the sisters. The names will be placed on the altar and Father will remember all those mentioned during each Mass in November. An offering can be included in the envelope if you can manage that, but it is not obligatory.

Parish Secretary: Please note that Jessica will not be in the office for some time. Please use the email address stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk rather than the secretary's address when contacting us.

GOOD NEWS: Our heating system has been replaced and is up and running.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP BERNARD

Dear Fathers/Dear Deacons

Please share this message with your parishioners and encourage them to join in the national moment of prayer at 6.00pm each day as we prepare for a special day of prayer on Saturday 21 November, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady and the eve of Christ the King.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ



+ Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham