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Feast of the Holy Family – Year C – 27th December 2015 & Solemnity of the Epiphany – Year C – 3rd January 2016 Holy Year of Mercy – “Merciful, like the Father.”

Entrance Antiphon - “The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in a manger.”

Responsorial psalm - “O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!”

Gospel Acclamation - “.“Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia”

Communion Antiphon – “Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.”

FROM FR. MATTHEW.

This Bulletin is a double issue, covering the next two weeks. A big thank you for the many cards and gifts I received for Christmas. I will be away from this Monday 28th, returning Thursday 7th January, there will be a normal mass schedule, apart from no mass on the two Mondays I am away; Fr. Jonathan will be supplying from Belmont. Have a peaceful New Year.

GOSPEL REFLECTION – “OUR TRUE HOME.”

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one “holy family” in His Church. In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, “chosen ones, holy and beloved,” as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings - for mothers, fathers and children - is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called “his parents” and are referred to separately as his “mother” and “father.” The emphasis is all on their “familial” ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls “My Father's house,” every family finds its true meaning and purpose. The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling. But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church. In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: “I shall be his God and he will be My son”.

Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

<p>TOTE Numbers for week 12 were no winners. Prize money for week 13 is £400.00, and 6 numbers to be drawn</p>
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Second Collection – no 2nd collection this weekend, Sunday 3rd January –No 2nd Collection.

Tuesday devotions: *Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena before Mass and the joyful mysteries of the Rosary after mass.*

THANK YOU. *Thank you to all those parishioners who contributed in anyway to the Christmas services, and all those children and families who took part in the Nativity during the Christmas Vigil Mass. Also thanks to all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas.*

CONFIRMATION COURSE – *At the 9.30am mass on Sunday 10th January, there will be a rite of enrolment for those young people preparing to be confirmed.*

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE –Please keep the 31 children in your prayers, the next preparation session is Sunday 31st January after the 9.30am mass.

SVP. Thanks to all those who attended the recent meeting, the date of the first meeting of the reformed Parish SVP group will be on Friday 15th January at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Chapel in Church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. The next meeting is on Monday 11th January at 7.00pm.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL. *The annual White Flower Appeal, takes place on Sunday 10th January for SPUC, the Society for the protection of the Unborn Child.*

PARISH WEBSITE – *The parish website now includes Fr. Matthews Sunday sermons and also, recordings of some of the Sunday masses.*

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP. The group meets next on Wednesday 13th January at 7.00pm. We are making use of a resources called "The Wednesday Word." This provides reflections on the Sunday readings, it can be accessed at www.wednesdayword.org. Copies available at the back of church.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE. *The dates for the pilgrimage are from Friday 12th- Friday 19th August, flying from Manchester. Booking forms are available at the back of Church, Return forms to Fr. Matthew ASAP. The cost will be approx £660 staying in a 3 star hotel, full board and programme etc, single supplements extra. Led by Fr. Matthew. Organised by Tangey Tours.*

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS – Available at the back of Church £3 each.

CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW. The list of prize winners is on the church notice board.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – The local Walsingham association is organising a pilgrimage from 6th-9th May to Walsingham. More info on poster on notice board in church

READERS TRAINING – Thanks to all those readers who attended the recent training sessions, could those readers unable to attend could they collect from Fr. Matthew copies of the talk he gave.

CAFOD "Laudate Si" - Care for our Common Home. – A presentation exploring Pope Francis' new encyclical. This will be a chance to look at some of the issues raised and how we can respond to climate change. Wednesday 20th January 2.00pm Our Lady's Parish room.

Rosemary Pye, now living in Tenby, has written and sends her best wishes and Christmas greetings to all parishioners

READERS ROTA – A new readers rota will be arranged for the new year, please let Hilary know of any changes etc, new readers always welcome, a preparation course will be held in the new year.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY – Fr. Matthew is away from this coming Monday 28th December till 7th January, Fr. Jonathan will be supplying in the parish, he is available on 374737.

CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY"Walking with Kings"Sunday 3rd January Belmont Abbey, 3.00pm.

PARISH SCHEDULE – 27th DECEMBER – 10th JANUARY.

Sunday 27th December Feast of the Holy Family.

9:30am People of the Parish.

11:30 am Nancy and Alan Harris

6.30pm Rita O'Leary.

Monday 28th NO MASS TODAY.

Tuesday 29th St. Thomas Beckett 7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30)

Edward Dzierza

Wednesday 30 9.30 am Mass. – Lil Green.

Thursday 31st 9.30 am Mass. Anne Morris

Friday 1st January Mass 7.00pm - Mary, Mother of God.

Saturday 2nd – 10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – George Schmidt

Sunday 3rd – Solemnity of the Epiphany.

9:30am Joanna Doverman.

11:30 am In Thanksgiving.

6.30pm Bernard Molloy

Monday 4th NO MASS TODAY.

Tuesday 5th 7.00pm Mass (Rosary-7.30) Lillian Orchard.

Wednesday 6th 9.30 am Mass. – Gabrielle Markham.

Thursday 7th 9.30 am Mass. Sick of the parish.

Friday 8th 9.30am Full School Mass & 7.00pm Mass

Saturday 9th – 10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass – Harry Sutton

Sunday 10th – Baptism of the Lord.

9:30am Anna Coleman

11:30 am Shirley Walters.

6.30pm People of the Parish.

Rota Schedule for 27th – 3rd January 2015

Flower Arrangers. Leslie Meredith Cleaners:

Ushers: 9:30am. P. Roberts and C. Sharland 11:30am d. Scofield & D. Lissaman 6:30pm. Mr and Mrs. Seamarks..

Readers: 9:30am. A. Spanjers 11:00am. J. Meenaghan 6.30pm. M. Woolaway.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. J. Winter. F. Keogh & Simon Thompson.
11.30am Celia Balestra, Martin Davies and Eileen Cotterall
6.30pm. C. Milsom.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Celia and Kathy

Rota Schedule for 3rd-10th January.

Flower Arrangers. Rene and Patrice. Cleaners:

Ushers: 9:30am. Mr and Mrs. Scanlon 11:30am Mr and Mrs. Cotterall 6:30pm. M. Netting and C. Milsom.

Readers: 9:30am. T. Bray 11:00am. H. Meenaghan 6.30pm. R. Maloney.

Eucharistic Ministers:

9.30am. F. Keogh, Celia Sharland & ?. 11.30am. D. Lissaman, F. Davies & J. McGowan. 6.30pm. K. Davis.

Altar Linen: See Rota on Church notice board.

Counting. Celia & ?

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 23 Stycznia o godz 16:00

Finance:

Sunday 20th December 1st Coll £228.98 2nd Coll £153.50 ---
G.A. £158.50

Please pray for the Sick, especially Tess Forder, Lil Green, Bernard Mulloy, Albert Piotr, Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna & John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O'Leary, Joshua Isada, Joan Berry, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer, and all in our prayer book.

The recently dead – Anna Gryzgbowska, Tony McGreevy, Mark Evans, Pat Spence & Joseph Mayers,

Those whose anniversary falls in January - Lillian Orchard, Walter Jennings, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Shawcross, Marjorie Sullivan, Ellen Willis, Elizabeth Farley, Ernest Cooper, Patrick Taylor, Margaret Ryan, Jamie McGoran, Winifred Brennan, Catherine Ross, Syd Swann, Eileen Harris, Patrick Lynch, Denise McQuaid, Ronald, O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Raymond Watkins, Leslie Foulkes, Celia Methven, Reginald Sly, Shirley Walters, Irene Brennan, Jean Chappell, Angelo Moruzzi, Raymond Breeze, Amelia Smith, Jerzy Schmidt, Michał Piwień, Baden Powell, Francis Seymour, Eileen Scott, William Graham, James Jones, Louise Champion and Margaret Dean, Simon Williams