

DIARY EVENTS:

W/C SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER there will be **NO** Christian Meditation (resume 7th Jan), **NO** Prayer Meeting (resume 9th Jan), **NO** Children's Liturgy & Junior Church (resume 13th Jan). RCIA Meetings resume Tues 8th Jan, Thursday Club is back on 10th Jan and the Catch Up Youth Clubs on Sat 12th Jan.

Cenacolo Prayers & Meeting will be as normal on Thursdays at 10.00am.

Please note new time.... HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS: Friday 4th January, **11am – 12noon**, with Deacon Bernard.

DUTIES	w/c SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER	w/c SUNDAY 6 th JANUARY
COFFEE	Overseas Aid Group	SVP
COUNTING	C McEntegart & H Walters	F Billington & D Carey
CLEANING	M Delaney, Mrs B Stuart, Mrs Roberts	Mr & Mrs C Winders
FLOWERS	Mrs A Winders (4 th Jan)	Mrs E Vyner-Brooks (11 th Jan)

Please sign up for the **PARISH HELPERS' PARTY** which will be in the parish centre after the 6pm Mass on **SUNDAY 13th January**. We mean 'helpers' in the widest possible sense!



LIVE SIMPLY GROUP: Following Patrick Gardner of CAFOD's visit we started a group to look at how we use our resources and how we support others in the parish. We would love more people to help us do this so if you would like to look at what this is about please visit the "Live Simply" pages on the CAFOD website. *Fr Hugh.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Please take a registration form for this from the sacristy if you want to join the 2019 group or please speak to Fr Hugh. The **first meeting is for the parents** - Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm.

MANY THANKS from **SVP** for last weekend's generous contributions of £424.49. And from **OAG** for supporting the sponsored walk (£138) and donations of £520 – all for Mary's Meals. **CAFOD THANKS** for the parish Family Fast donation of £456.36 helping villages access clean water and from **MANNA HOUSE** for the Carol Service collection of £56. *Thank you for your continued support and Happy Christmas to all!*

PARISH MAGAZINE REVIVAL! If you have any contributions, post to Celeste Bonfanti, 51 E. Second St., Moorestown NJ 08057, USA./ yorkistatheart@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK: Bernadette Watts, George Weld-Blundell, Holly Howe, Anne Riding, Ged Hillon, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Aleyamma Punnen, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Joan Baines, Howard Selby, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir.

Last week's Attendance. 335 Offertory **£1131.89** *Thank you*

HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Double issue for 23rd & 30th December 2018



READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

...a virgin shall conceive and bear a son...

Today the Church presents us with two expectant mothers. Elizabeth was married into the heart of the Temple tradition. She represents the best of the ancient chosen people of God. The Temple was a sign pointing to God. The ancient Hebrews struggled with the concept of constructing a Temple, while the pagans constructed temples and limited their gods to their buildings. The Hebrews, however, knew that God could not be limited to one place; but they wanted a place to honour God, a place that would hold the special presence of the One whom the universe could not contain. Elizabeth's body was like that ancient Temple; it contained the one who would point out the Lord to the world. John the Baptist, within Elizabeth, leapt for joy in the presence of Jesus within Mary. John, the last of the ancient Israelite prophets became the first of the Christian prophets pointing to the One he would later call the *Lamb of God*. He embodied and brought to a conclusion the Temple Tradition of Israel, the tradition of reminding the people that God is among them.

...and they shall call Him, Emmanuel, which means, God-is- with-us!



READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

What can I bring Him, poor as I am?...

You know Christmas is not just about the children! Christmas is about our salvation made manifest in the birth of Jesus. He came to bring light into a darkened world, to bring hope to those who have none, to bring peace to those in turmoil. All these things our world, our families and, yes, each of us, longs for every day. In coming to the new-born Christ quietly and prayerfully we are able to offer Him our very selves, our loved ones and our world. In so doing we ask Him to make our own the transforming gifts He brings us. His gifts to us, which we all certainly need to face the challenges of daily life, we encounter, experience and receive at Mass. Why not, during the Christmas season, invite a family members or a friend who may not have been for some time to come with you to Mass. Then together we can bring our hearts to the Christ-child and He will receive, renew and fill them with His gifts. At Mass, as a spiritual family, we come to understand more deeply what the real meaning of Christmas is.

...bring my heart!

'Happy Christmas' from Fr. Hugh.

Thank you for all your help over the past year and it's a great pleasure to be celebrating Christmas with you all once more. Huge thanks to all who prepared the church and centre for Christmas and to those Involved with the preparation and delivery of our liturgy during this holy season.

Sun 22 nd 23 rd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm: Clive Niccolls RIP 10.00 am: Andrew Noblett RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: Nan, Willie & family
Mon 24 th	Monday of Advent week 4 9.15 am: Bernadette Watts (healing) CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00 pm: Frank McAvoy RIP <i>The church will then be locked and will re-open at 11pm.</i> 8.00 pm: At Sedbergh 11.30 pm: Carols 12.00 am: Midnight Mass
Tues 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 am: Kathleen Winter, Rosa Salamone and Domenico Petruso NO EVENING MASS
Wed 26 th	St Stephen 7.00 pm: Carlisle and MacNeil families RIP
Thurs 27 th	St John 12.15 pm: John Callaghan RIP
Fri 28 th	The Holy Innocents 12.15 pm: Requiem Mass for Teresa Bland
Sat 29 th	St Thomas Becket CONFESSIONS in Confessional: 5.10 – 5.40pm
Sun 29 th 30 th	THE HOLY FAMILY 6.00 pm: Colin Reynolds LD 10.00 am: Teresa Bland LD 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: Kathleen Bell RIP

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE ANNIVERSARIES OF:

George Morris, Bridie Kitching, Desmond Scanlan, Ian Holloway, Gina Waddington, Maureen Robinson, Raymond Crawford, Ann Haslett, Frank McAvoy, Thomas O'Malley, Francis Rocks, Tom Carlton, Anne Gunby, Vincent Hall, Norman Almond, Ethelreda Fisher, Doris Konczynski, Marie Briggs, Edith Goodall, Trevor Thomas, Albert Woof, Margaret McCartney, Alan Gibson, Marian Vadas, Maria Tatt, John Dawson, Ada Hutton, Honora Tobin, Maureen Stackhouse, Winifred Duckworth, Mary Cragg, John Watson, Eileen O'Callaghan, Albert Caine, Pat Delaney, Edna Rocks, Baby Kyle Wilkinson, Leslie Garnett, Bernadette Line, Frank Rymell, Susan Jennings, Philomena McEwen, Ernest Mitchell, Barry Oldfield, Derek Line, Jim Winder, Agnes Wilson, Henry Mellor, Peter Noble, Thomas Callen, Isabella Callan, Mary Neesham, Margaret Burns, Kathleen Graham, James O'Callaghan.

Mon 31 st	Seventh Day of Christmas Octave 9.15 am: Pat Delaney and Norah Tobin
Tues 1 st January 2019	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY) 12.15 pm: Wally Bridson RIP
Wed 2 nd	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen 7.00 pm: Anne & Derek Wise, June Gough, Josephine McGrath, Anna & Tom McCarthy, family & friends
Thurs 3 rd	Thursday of Christmas Season before Epiphany 12.15 pm: Colin Reynolds LD
Fri 4 th	Friday of Christmas Season before Epiphany 12.15 pm: Holy Souls
Sat 5 th	Saturday of Christmas Season before Epiphany 10.00 am: Mass in Honour of Our Lady and Novena Adoration & Confessions on sanctuary 10.45 - 11.30am Confessions in confessional 5.10 – 5.40pm
Sunday 6 th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil, Sunday 10am & 6pm, Sedbergh at 12 noon

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF



Mary Sheila Flood, Anne Loveland, John Peters, Clarke & Walters families, Frank McAvoy, Cashel & Kelly families & friends, Noblett & Lomax families, John Hallac, Carlisle family, Trevor Alderson, Frances & Des Kinley, Tony Dodd, Armer & Bowman families, McNamee family, Kathleen Bell, John & Doris Graham, Dorothy Stephenson, Family & friends of Faith, Haslett & Walker families & friends, Michael Peoples, Mary Stoker, Bob & Peggy Sharpe, Mary & Joe Blamire, Jack and Edith Smith, Janet & Billy Stewart & deceased relatives, Kitchingman & Smith families, Isabella & Herbert Norris, Thomas & Mary Alice Flanagan, Ned Williams & Ethel Thompson, Jack Brookes, Agnes & Danny Miller, Rab & Geordie Munroe, Sheila & Bill Bryan, Sr Lena Emilia Serafino Consolata Sisters, Andrew & Margaret Welch, Olga Whenray & Jo DePalma, Stanley & Hannah Herbert & deceased members of the Herbert & Dover families, Hubert & Rachel Croasdell & deceased members of the Croasdell & D'Souza families, Roger Bidwell, Wilfred Holloway & deceased members of the Richens & Holloway families, Banks & Casson family, Mary Brookshaw, Boyle & Neil families, Elise & Brian Fallon, Peter & Cherry Burregers, Billy & Eileen Wilkin, Desmond & Sarah Cookson, Simon Muir, Stewart & Ward families & friends, Terry Goundry, Mark Hudson & families, deceased relatives of L & M A Cook, Irene & Andy, Anons.