

### From Sunday's Gospel

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up quickly, take the child and his mother with you and escape into Egypt and stay there until I tell you, because King Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him." So Joseph got up and, taking Jesus and Mary with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. Then the angel in a dream told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary back to Israel, but they did not go to Bethlehem because Herod's son, the new ruler, might try to harm Jesus. So instead they were to Nazareth in Galilee and made their home there."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

**Pope Francis writes, "My dear your friends, in Joseph we learn how to respond to God's call." Today's word is Joseph.** In this weekend's gospel passage

we read about St Joseph's openness and obedience to God's word which he received from the angel of the Lord through dreams. This reminds us that God's word can come to us in different ways, and that St Joseph, like Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a model for parents and children alike. Will we ask St Joseph to be close to our families this week?

### Ministers

### December 29th

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall  
8.30am E.Davies  
10.00am J.Sheard

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Kehoe/G.Leggat

### January 5th

6.00pm K.Stokes  
8.30am J.McMahon  
10.00am S.Rudd

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
C.Ward/K.McKune

***New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.***

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £498.28 Second: £187.49 Carers' Group: £500.00 Thank You**  
**PV Friendship Matters: £25.00 Thank You**  
**Briery Advent Retreat Stipend £250.00 Thank You**



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## ***The Feast of the Holy Family December 29th 2019 (Matthew's Gospel)***

### **Times of Masses & Intentions**

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	Pamela Daniels
	10.00am	People of the Parish
		<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
Monday	9.30am	Margaret Holmes
Tuesday	9.30am	Elizabeth Teresa Bath
Wednesday		<b>New Year's Day—Bank Holiday</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	Billy & Maisie Donovan
Thursday	9.30am	Brian Ward
Friday	<b>12.00noon</b>	George Sparkes
Saturday	10.00am	Vera Ackerley
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Pat Sparkes
	10.00am	Christine Walsh

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

**When there is a Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is no exposition**

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### Feast of the Holy Family

On the Sunday following Christmas Day the Church invites us to reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As we will hear in the gospel from Matthew, their start in life was difficult, having to flee to Egypt to escape the threat of King Herod. We think of those countless number of families who today are fleeing their homelands, the families who are separated at the borders of different countries and the children who are orphaned on their journey to a better life. We ask the intercession of the Holy Family on them and on our own families, small or large.



### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

This Year New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday when Mass is usually celebrated at 12.00 noon. But with it being a Bank Holiday and having canvassed some opinion Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am** which will give those attending time to use the rest of the day as they wish. Although no longer a Holyday of Obligation, many people come to Mass on New Year's Day to thank God for all the blessings we received during 2019 and to look forward with hope and confidence to the New Year of 2020. We remember that whether we look **backwards** or **forward** we can only live in the **present** which is God's gift to us.

### Crib Offerings this year



With encouragement from Bishop Marcus, this parish will be donating crib offerings to the **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny given will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please see their website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time. Cheques please to 'Friends of the Holy Land' and sent to: Friends of the Holy Land, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2DH



**Thank You** to everyone who contributed in so many different ways making our celebration of Christmas a wonderful occasion. The Church looked magnificent and the three Masses had their own unique atmosphere. The end of one year and the beginning of another is an opportunity to thank everyone who, over the past year, has contributed so generously to the life of the parish in its many different activities. Once again on a personal note, thank you for your greetings, cards, gifts and Christmas Offerings. Your generosity, friendship, love and support are very keenly felt and deeply appreciated. I feel very blessed and privileged to be here at The Sacred Heart & St William and look forward to the year ahead. Fr Bernard

### Offertory Envelopes 2020



Please collect your set for use in January. If you currently do not have a set please see Ernie or Fr Bernard. Gift Aid forms are available for tax payers adding a further 25% to your gift.

### Parish Diaries 2020



There are still a few pocket diaries for collection at the back of church.

### One Christmas Card for All



There is till time to sign the Christmas Card at the back of the church. All the money raise will be used to buy world gifts. Please see the booklets next to the Christmas Card for more information.

**Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **THURSDAY 9th January at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre. Agenda items to Nick or Susan please. Thank You



"Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart." Native American Proverb