

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE PRAYED FOR BY THE PARISH PLEASE LET

FATHER DAVID, A PARISH SISTER OR A CHURCH WARDEN KNOW

Please keep in your prayers: Babies Layla & Laylie, Melanie Keenan, Len Prothero, Pat O’Loan, Mary McCrank, Tom Butler, Bernard Turner, Dennis Jordan, Zofia Przybylko, Margaret David, Cyril Nugent, Sid Marson, Peter Partridge, Sister Francis Sculley, Patricia Southwell, Christine Watson, Veronica Raybould, Fr. Tim Burke, Philip Hathaway, Margaret Keogh, Tricia Smith, Fr. Sean Turley, Edna Penman, Sarah Smith, Jim Malachy, Jessica Pandya, Teresa Lennon, Loiuise Lyons, Peter Gospel, Fiona McNabb, Teresa Cullen, Patrick McGuire, Catherine Holland, Alice Plant

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL—THANK YOU

This Christmas our Crib appeal was for FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL). FHL helps the most vulnerable Christians living in the West Bank Gaza, Israel and Jordan. There are 5 key areas of work—education, housing, health, employment and family support. For example, many Christian families flee their homes due to conflict or religious persecution and become refugees in Jordan, which is one of the few 'safe harbours' of the region. Refugees often leave their homeland convinced they will return. They use their life savings to make the journey and then find themselves unable to return home, without the resources or documentation to build a secure future for their families. FHL has set up a dress-making factory for Christian women refugees in Jordan. Also with many Christians having to leave through persecution the number of Christians has become just 2% in the Land of Christ’s birth. Therefore, FHL try and help provide adequate housing to families like that of Saliba Bader, whose eldest son died last year due to health problems and whose daughter has to attend special needs school. FHL were able to renovate their house. **The parishioners of St. Peter’s, through different activities were able to raise a total of £722.32 for FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.** £50 was raised by carol singing at Sainsbury’s, £100 was donated by St. Thomas More School, Willenhall, £253.86 was raised through candles, £318.46 was raised through the Crib donations and the Epiphany Raffle. **Please consider joining our Parish FHL Group to help with raising awareness, praying and fundraising.** Parish contacts are Susan Martin 428830, John Minister 403439 and Barbara Kowalski 711137. **The FHL parish webpage has a picture of our Crib.**

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PARISH

Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th January

B: Year

NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

II: Week

HYMN NOS. Entrance **285** Offertory **830** Communion **383** Recessional **118**

SAINT PETER’S SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

The children from Year 6 are making their Confirmation Commitment this Sunday. Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation *together* make a Christian. Receiving Confirmation is necessary for baptismal grace—the washing away of original sin and becoming part of God’s family. The children are growing up and they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this age to help them become more mature Christians and witnesses to God’s love. As part of their commitment they will each have individual prayer intentions. Please keep them in your prayers. Bishop David McGough will confer Confirmation on our Patronal Feast Day **Ss Peter & Paul Fri 29th June at 7.00pm.**

EPIPHANY RAFFLE WINNERS 1st Prize: Cotswold Hamper—**Number 214** (Harrison), 2nd Prize: Bottle of Famous Grouse Whisky—**Number 3**, 3rd Prize: Stollen Cake—**Number 236**. **Prizes available from the sacristy. Details of money raised for Christmas Appeal are on newsletter’s final page.**

CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.15 to 10.45am **ADORATION:** Sat 9.45-10.45am

BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment **ROSARY:** 20 mins before mass

REFRESHMENTS: After Sat 11:00am and Sun 10:00am Masses - **All Welcome**

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Glories of Mary Prayer Group—Fri 2.00pm Parish Hall

MASS TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS

Mass cards and intention envelopes are available from the Piety Stall and Sacristy

Sat 13 Jan	11:00am	Our Lady on Saturday	Jessica Pandya ints.
Sat 13 Jan	5.30pm	2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	<i>Pro populo</i> (for the people of parish)
Sun 14 Jan	10.00am	2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	<i>Confirmandi</i> & Parents ints.
Mon 15 Jan	10:45am	Prayer Service —Buttermere Unit—Lakes Residence	
Mon 15 Jan	6.30pm	Feria in Ordinary Time (Mass in Church)	Thanksgiving—return of Christians to Alqosh, Iraq
Tue 16 Jan	10:00am	<i>Feria</i> in Ordinary Time	Lynda Hodson RIP
Wed 17 Jan	8:40am	Memorial St. Anthony (Mass in St. Thomas More, School)	For the homeless
Wed 17 Jan	10:00am	Memorial St. Anthony	Deceased Family of Rose Diver
Thu 18 Jan	9:30am	Feria in Ordinary Time (Mass in St. Peter's School)	Margaret & Bill Coyle
Fri 19 Jan	10:00am	Feast of St. Wulstun	Johnny Joyce RIP
Sat 20 Jan	11.00am	Our Lady on Saturday	Peter Gilraine
Sat 21 Jan	5:30pm	3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	<i>Pro populo</i> (for the people of parish)
Sun 22 Jan	10:00pm	3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Sr. Sebastian IHM Ints.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—THU 18th—THU 25th JAN—This week of prayer is hosted by the various Christian Communities in Bloxwich. Soup Lunches 12-1pm. 18/1 Blakenall Reformed Church, Blakenall Lane, 19/1 Holy Ascension Church, Sanstone Rd, 20/1 St.James Church, Old Lane, 22/1 St Thpmas', Cresswell Crescent, **St Peters hosts on Tues 23rd Jan when there will a SOUP LUNCH from 12—1pm.** 24/1 Christ Church, Blakenall Heath, 25/1 All Saints Church Hall, Elmore Row. **ALL WELCOME!**

NEW COUNTING TEAM ROTAS AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

Last Sunday's Collection		Counting Team		PARISH CENTRE BOOKING	
Gift Aid	£188.70	This week	N	Please contact George Pitt	
Non-Gift Aid	£222.22	Next week	M	07926 636159 or	
2nd Collection	None	Dec Standing Orders		www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html	
		£167.00		<i>Thank You</i> The value of your donation is increased if Gift-Aided	

PIETY STALL: Rosaries, Mass Cards, Statues, Prayer Cards etc (Also available from sacristy)

!!! WE'RE IN THE NEWSPAPER !!! Last Sunday St. Peter's was privileged to welcome Armenian Bishop Hovakim as he celebrated the Nativity and Epiphany for the Armenian community. On page 21 of the ***Catholic Universe*** there is a 'write-up' and picture. Please consider purchasing a copy.

TOMMY COOPER JOKE: Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

UCM MEETING—Mon 15th Jan 7.00pm Parish Centre. Help is needed in sewing eyes/beaks onto woollen chicks for Easter Appeal.



JOURNEY IN FAITH— Thu 18th Jan 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. We

will be discussing THE CHURCH. There are refreshments and all welcome.

LIFE SHOP— The Life Group run a charity Life Shop next to the Church (212 High Street). If you have clothes or other items that can be sold please leave them at the shop or in the Church (marked 'FOR LIFE CHARITY'). The proceeds help families support their babies.

THE PARISH COUNCIL met on Weds and from it there are a number of items for your diaries (events are on the Church notice boards & website):

- **SOUP LUNCH—Tues Jan 23rd 12-1pm in the Parish Centre.** All welcome.
- **FISH & CHIPS QUIZ NIGHT— Sat Feb 3rd 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** Tickets on sale after masses & sacristy priced £4 (fish and chips included).
- **MASS FOR THE SICK—Sat Feb 10th 11.00am.** That weekend is world day of prayer for the sick and Our Lady of Lourdes' Day. *Anointing of the Sick* will take place at mass. Please pass the word on & help others to attend.
- **ST. PETER'S 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE—**In 2019 we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary!! The committee will be meeting for the first time **Sat Feb 10th at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.** Volunteers urgently needed—please come along—we need your ideas, help and expertise.
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY/PANCAKES—Tue Feb 13th 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** To celebrate the beginning of Lent we will have a party and secret auction. Unwanted Christmas gifts and other items needed for the auction (please leave at the back of Church/Sacristy)