


For those who have died: Margaret Wassell, John Eccles, Teresa Crossley, Ronald Hunt, Bernard Woolley, Winnie McDonagh, Fr. John Langley, Betty Harper, Betty Lloyd

Funerals: **Ronald Hunt** (Requiem Christ The King, Kingstanding Birmingham Thu 4th Jan 2024 11.00am followed by burial Chase and District), **Teresa Crossley** (Reception into Church Mon 8th Jan 2024 4pm, Requiem Tue 9th Jan 2024 10.30am followed by North Walsall Cemetery), **Margaret Wassell** (Reception into Church Weds 10th Jan 2024 4.00pm, Requiem Thu 11th Jan 2024 10.45am followed by Mercia Forest Crematorium)

Please keep in your prayers: John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Margaret Hunt, Veronica Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, Paddy McLoughlin, Caroline Holland, Tom Bradley, Maureen Salmon, Joyce Walsh, Eddie McDonagh, Suzy McDonagh, Marie McKenzie, Philip Gormley, Francis Keane, Anne Russell, Maureen Byrne, William Kelly, John Farrell, Ann Gilrairie, Margaret McNulty, Cornelius Cronan, Tom Brennan, Thomas McHugh, Tara Ford, Michael Welsh, Simon Woods, Chris Kane, Christine Linnell, Jim Malachi, Monica Carrington, Michael McHugh, Anne Scott, James Swindel, Reg Ford, Chris Voice, Fr Brian Brown, Lisa Dean and Danny Dean, Winnie Lawlor, Margaret Bednall, Sandra, John Magnier, Sheila Cronin, Maureen Rowland-Aitken, Elaine and David Sumner, Jackie Logan, Brenda Guest, Graham Lawlor, Terence Dixon, Robert Sweeney, Dayna Haywood, John Eccles, Gerry Stokes, Frank Gallagher, Mary Chester, Ann Mountford, Jim Lowndes

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ANGEL	GABRIEL	JOSEPH
MARY	REJOICE	SON
LORD	JESUS	CHILD
ELIZABETH	BARREN	HANDMAID



CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.00 to 10.45am & before mass or by appointment
ADORATION: Tues 9.00am—9.50am & Sat 10.00-10.50am
BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment **ROSARY:** 20 mins before mass
CHOIR: Sing at 10.00am mass. *Anyone can join.*
**** CHILDREN'S LITURGY **:** During Sun 10:00am Mass
TEAS and COFFEE: After Sun 10:00am Mass in Parish Hall. *All Welcome*
ST PETER'S PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP. To join: 1.) Give Fr. David or Sr.Tonia your WhatsApp phone number to add you manually or 2.) Send a WhatsApp message 'ADD ME' to the Parish WhatsApp number; 07840781301.

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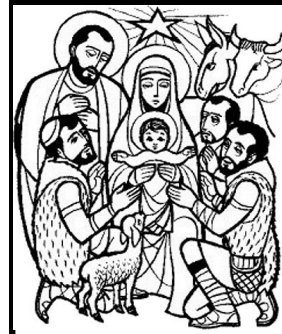
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WHAT IS LOVE? We all at some point try and

answer this question. The Holy Bible teaches us that **God is Love** (1 John 4:19). Moreover we learn that this love came and lived among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth (1 John 4:9). The answer to the question, 'What is love?', is: 'Love is a Person, and this Person is God made flesh' (John 1:14). **It is why we kneel in wonder during the Creed at Christmastime when we say: "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man."** This is because God did not come as a powerful man but as a baby, vulnerable in His mother's arms in the lowliness of a stable amongst the cattle. The baby Jesus shows us that Love is not power but the outstretched arms of a baby in need. The angels sing to the Shepherds of this love: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will" (Luke 2:14). If God's love comes to us, we are open to the baby Jesus' outstretched arms and that peace is for us too. **A peace we can share.** Don't you think the world needs peace above all else? The world cannot give itself peace because the world is always after power—there is fighting everywhere not just in Syria and the terrorist violence we see on TV. Our own streets and homes are less and less peaceful. *Jesus says at the Last Supper "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives"* (John 14:27). This is a peace that is not born in power, but love and so it must have the features of the love of Jesus in the manger—the hand held out. **Perhaps hold out your hand in peace to those around you this Christmas.**

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Elizabeth Briars. They can be contacted at: sg.stpeters.bloxwich@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

MASS/SERVICE TIMES, FEAST DAYS and ACTIVITIES

Sat 23 Dec	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 23 Dec	11.00am	Advent feria	
Sat 23 Dec	5.30pm	4th SUNDAY ADVENT (Vigil)	Thomas, Alice, Patricia and Bernard Hopley
Sun 24 Dec	10.00am	4th SUNDAY ADVENT	Bridgit's ancestors in purgatory
Sun 24 Dec	5.30pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	Collins and Maloney Family, Pauline and Sid Winstance, Karen Robertson, Teresa Crossley RIP, John Moore RIP
Sun 24 Dec	11.30pm	CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN CHURCH	
Sun 24 Dec	12.00am	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS	Sr Norbert Birthday
Mon 25 Dec	10.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	June and Michael O'Sullivan RIP
Mon 25 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Mass in a Home	Tom Chester RIP and Chester family intentions
Tue 26 Dec	10.00am	Saint Stephen's Day	Thanksgiving Aquil
No masses until Saturday 30th December			
Sat 30 Dec	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 30 Dec	11.00am	6th Day Octave of Christmas	John Eccles RIP
Sat 30 Dec	5.30pm	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Vigil)	Betty Lloyd RIP
Sun 31 Dec	10.00am	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Eileen Nolan RIP & Eileen Delaney RIP

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

4th Sunday Advent 5.30pm (Sat) and 10.00am (Sun)
 Entrance 522 Offertory 686 Communion 187 Recessional 263
Christmas Eve 5:30pm
 Entrance 124 Offertory 66 Communion 643 Recessional 244
Christmas Carols 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass
 522, 577, 244, 692
Midnight Mass 12.00am
 Entrance 540 Offertory 66 Communion 643 Recessional 520
Christmas Morning 10.00am
 Entrance 692 Offertory 355 Communion 540 Recessional 48



THANK YOU to everyone who has made Christmas in the Church and Parish centre such a splendid occasion. Many people put there time, effort and resources into making Christmas at Saint Peter's a fitting and blessed time.

CHRISTMAS BRAINTEASER

Provided by the Union of Catholic Mothers. Can you find 16 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph below?

The answers are on bottom of page (upside down)

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. Merely by a fluke it kept people looking so hard for the facts, and for others it was a revelation, some were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some really difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit, it usually takes a priest to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. One of our members says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen name so the Bible hidden in this paragraph".

HAPPY CHRISTMAS May I, Father David, and on behalf of our The Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters wish you and your loved ones the Peace and Blessings of the Christ-child this Christmas and throughout the New Year. *Thank you to everyone for their Christmas gifts, cards and donations.*

1. Job 2. Numbers 3. Judges 4. Lamentations 5. Revelation 6. Luke 7. Hebrews 8. James 9. Ruth 10. Acts 11. Mark 12. Titus 13. Amos 14. Peter 15. Kings 16. Esther

Brain teaser Answers

Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

Gift Aid **No**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Non-Gift Aid **Count**

Last Weekend Mass Count

2nd Collection **Made**

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PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

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 07926 636159 (text only) or

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