

For those who have died: Margaret Wassell, John Eccles , Teresa Crossley, Ronald Hunt, Fr. Paul Lomas

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 Was-sell** (Reception into Church Weds 10th Jan 2024 4.00pm, Requiem Thu 11th Jan 2024 10.45am fol-lowed 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, Mar-garet 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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PARENTS
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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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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 30th/ Sun 31st December 2023**
Feast of the Holy Family
SAT Entrance **577** Offertory **66** Communion **562** Recession **48**
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story. And yet, as today’s Gospel {Luke 2:22-40} reminds us, there were also the so-called “hidden years” - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. In a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Him-self, with infinite humility, to the duty of loving obedience towards them.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safe-guarding 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 30 Dec	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 30 Dec	11.00am	Advent Feria	John Eccles RIP
Sat 30 Dec	12.00am	Meeting—Funeral Family	
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
Sun 31 Dec	1-2.30pm	Sunday Communion	
Mon 1 Jan	10.00am	Mary the Mother of God	Sharon Fitzmaurice healing
Tue 2 Jan	9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tue 2 Jan	10.00am	Saint Basil the Great	Holy Souls
Tue 2 Jan	11.00am	Finance Meeting (Ongoing)	
Wed 3 Jan	10.30am	Holy Name of Jesus	Kitty Connors & Paddy Hanofen Anniv, Barbara Yates Anniv
Wed 3 Jan	11.30am	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Thu 4 Jan	11.00am	Requiem Mass at Christ the King Birmingham	Ronald Hunt RIP
Thu 4 Jan	6.00pm	EPIPHANY VIGIL (and blessing of chalk)	Fr. David's intentions
Fri 5 Jan	10.00am	EPIPHANY (and blessing of chalk)	Doran family intentions
Sat 6 Jan	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 6 Jan	11.00am	Mass in Church	Joe Burnside RIP, Connie Fitzmaurice RIP, Patrick Fitzmaurice RIP
Sat 6 Jan	5.30pm	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (Vigil)	June O'Sullivan anniversary, Ralph Purshouse RIP, Deceased Members of the Daniels and Smith Families
Sun 7 Jan	10.00am	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	Intentions of Sharon and Jim
Sun 7 Jan	1.00pm	Sunday Communion	

BAPTISMAL, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION FORMS: these are available from Fr. David or Sr Tonia or Sue Kennedy. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Children that are in non-Catholic Schools and have completed their Year 2 (ie: 7 years and above). **CONFIRMATION:** Children in non-Catholic Schools starting Year 6 or 10 years and above. Or adults baptised but not confirmed. **Classes start soon.**

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S PASTORAL LETTER THIS WEEKEND

READER'S ROTA

1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading/Intercessions
30-Dec Martin Bradley Shilla Pereira
31-Dec Chioma Chukwuka Julie Bennett

READER'S ROTA FEB-APR

The next readers rota will be being produced next weekend 6/7th January so if you have any planned breaks during the period February 2024 to April 2024 please let us know by e-mailing mass.readers@googlemail.com or seeing Fr. David

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

has officially started in our parish on Sundays, immediately after Mass. All children from non-catholic schools aged 8 years and above or have completed their year 2 are welcomed to join. We also encourage parents who feel that their children need more catechism of faith but have not reached the age of confirmation, to let them join us despite having received 1st Holy Communion. Please take your forms or submit if you have not done so. Take or submit to Fr. David, Sue Kennedy or Sr. Tonia. After Christmas, new candidates will join the next group.

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **Irene Wright, Lily Collins, Frederick Martin, James Steer, John O'Loan, Gabriel Umedbi, and June O'Sullivan** may those who have died in the peace of Christ and whose faith is known to you alone, be granted a share in your eternal kingdom.

ST PETER'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

23 Christmas food parcels were delivered on Christmas Eve night. The parcels contained meat, vegetables, mince pies, selection boxes and more for families in need.

St Peter's Foodbank will reopen on January 8th.

MONDAY 1ST JAN—MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD—MASS 10am

The Gospel for Monday {Luke 2:16-21} (and our crib) speaks of the earthy reality of Jesus and his mother. "Let us go and see what God has made known to us," say the shepherds in great excitement after hearing the message of the angel. Perhaps what they discovered may have seemed at first an anti-climax. Just a man, a woman – the mother, and a baby lying in a feeding box in a dark and smelly cowshed! However, the shepherds, in their simple faith, saw something very special in that prosaic scene. They were amazed – and went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God.



FRIDAY 5th JAN—EPIPHANY—MAS 10am

Holy Day of Obligation. Blessing of Chalk for marking homes in the New Year. **Vigil Mass Thu 4th Jan 6.00pm**



Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

Gift Aid **No**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Non-Gift Aid **count**

2nd Collection **yet**

Last Weekend Mass Count

No count made

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Please contact George Pitt
07926 636159 (text only) or
www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html

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