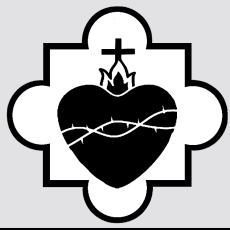


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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

<b>SATURDAY 1ST</b>	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Tim Giblin
<b>SUNDAY 2ND</b>	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Mick & Nell Coyne Rose Anne Keily Pat & Brendan Galvin
<b>MONDAY 3RD</b> <b>HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mick Bond
<b>TUESDAY 4TH</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FERIA</b>	10.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John & Thomas Storey
<b>WEDNESDAY 5TH</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FERIA</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Bridie O'Connor
<b>THURSDAY 6TH</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b> <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Walter Krutin Bridie O'Connor Paulette Farrell
<b>FRIDAY 7TH</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FERIA</b>	10.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mick McCabe
<b>SATURDAY 8TH</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FERIA</b>	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Adoration &amp;</b> <b>Confessions</b>	Tony Fagan

## THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

<b>SATURDAY 8TH</b>	4.00- 4.30pm 5.00pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Teresa Kelly
<b>SUNDAY 9TH</b>	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Priscilla Whitlock Teresa & Regi Varghese Joseph & Anna Czepiel

## THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

**HOLY SOULS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Victoria Road, B27 7XY  
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## STAYING CONNECTED

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## Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the celebration of Mass on this Second Sunday of Christmas. Fr Alex and I wish you all a very happy New Year and we pray that God will shower his blessings upon you and your families in the year ahead.

We continue to rejoice in the gift of Christmas as we contemplate that Jesus has come to share in our life and to raise us to share in his divine life. May the days of this holy season continue to draw us into knowing and understanding more fully the dignity we have received through Our Lord to be Sons and Daughters of God our most loving Father.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany** - Thursday is the great feast of the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus and in normal circumstances a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10am, 12.30pm and 7pm. Please do come to share in one of these Masses if you are able to do so.

**Offerings of the Crib** - This year the donations that you leave at the crib will be given to the Fr Hudson's Society. The work of the Society supports extremely vulnerable people in many parts of the Diocese including projects here in Birmingham. Thanks for your kindness.

**Epiphany Blessing of Homes** - On Thursday there will be an opportunity to take away some blessed chalk to use to inscribe the year and blessing above the door of your house.

**A new 5pm Mass Choir** - At our Christmas Midnight Mass we were able to form a very talented little choir! It is our hope that we can now establish a new choir to assist the singing at 5pm Masses on Saturday evenings. Would you be interested in joining us? You do not have to be a professional musician, but just have a willing voice. The search is also on for any talented parishioner who is a pianist / organist and others who might add some additional instruments. This could be such a wonderful start to the new year. With this in mind we are going to have an initial rehearsal on Wednesday 12th January at 7pm in the church. We look forward to welcoming you to this first rehearsal.

**Mass times this week** - Please note that Mass on Monday is at 6.30pm and Mass on Wednesday is at 7.30am.

**First Friday** - This coming Friday. Unfortunately there will be no evening Mass this month.

**Birthday wishes** - To Fr Alex who celebrates his 32nd birthday on Wednesday.

**Thinking Ahead** - Christmastide is often a time for making plans for the coming year. For some this might be the Baptism of their little ones or celebrating the sacrament of Marriage. For parishioners considering Marriage here in the coming year and who wish to consider booking a date, please contact one of the priests as soon as possible.

**Bereavement Group** - Our meeting for all those who wish to find support and opportunity to share experiences are continuing and the next meeting is on Wednesday 12th January in the Parish Meeting Room from 10.45am-11.45am. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would benefit from coming together to share their experiences and for prayer.

**Readers Rota** - Copies of the new readers rota is available in the sacristy today. Many thanks.

**Christmas Raffle** - Thank you for all the support that you gave to the Christmas Raffle which raised £1200. The list of prize winners can be seen in the church porch. Prizes can be collected from the Parish Meeting Room.

**Keeping Safe** - We want to remind you in these difficult days of all that we can do to protect ourselves and one another. We have been asked to once again encourage everybody to obtain a Covid booster Vaccine in the continues fight against this illness which causes illness and such disruption to our lives and threatens the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

**A Word of Thanks** - At the end of one year and the beginning of the next is a good time to offer thanks to everyone who contributes to the life and mission of the parish. Firstly, to thank all those who come here to pray and those who in difficult days have joined in the livestream Masses or even their prayer for the parish from home. We think especially of our sick and housebound parishioners. Many times in the last year we have asked for your financial support of the parish and we do thank you for this and the way in which you will continue to help the parish in the year to come. Without this help we would be unable to function. We are indebted to our great liturgy team which includes our sacristans and servers, our altar server trainer, cleaners, those who care for the altar linen, brass rubbers and stewards, readers and Eucharistic ministers, church wardens, piety stall team, musicians and choir members, flower arrangers and liturgical decorators! Thanks must go to all involved in pastoral outreach in the parish which involves our SVP and Legion of Mary, Eucharistic ministers and bereavement team and also the Tuesday luncheon club. Thanks to all those who support our young people especially our parish schools, our catechists engaged in sacramental preparation and the children's liturgy team who are waiting in the wings. Our parish is further helped by our finance and gift aid team, our tote collecting team and those who care for the Friday Group and the APF red boxes, our Cafod campaigns and our coordinator for the Clergy Training Fund to say nothing of the generous band of helpers who assist with all sorts of events. Over the years this has included UCM members and many others. We are blessed to have in our parish the presence of the Presentation Sisters in Sister Angela and Sister Eleanor who pray with us and for us and give such a witness by their lives. Thanks also for those who have helped organise social events for the parish and especially the work of the committee of our social club. Apologies to anyone who has been left out, but please know of our appreciation for the contributions of so many to parish life.

**And Finally...** We wish to thank you most sincerely for your Christmas offerings and for all the wonderful Christmas, cards, messages and gifts that we received for Christmas. We value so much the support you gives us as your priests and ask for your prayerful support on our endeavours as a parish community during 2022. Fr Jonathan will be away during the coming week. With our prayers and kindest wishes as we continue this Season of Christmas and look forward to celebrating Epiphany with you on Thursday.

**Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex.**

**Recently Deceased:** Mollie Stirrup, Brendan Ryan, Louis Nemeth, Roy Cunnington

**Anniversaries:** Francis Connolly, Roy Wheeler, Collette Cartwright, Margaret Oakes, Stanley Hurst, Thomas Teall, Eileen Murphy, Paul Jarvis, Patrick Mulvihill, Bernard Kiely, Maureen Morris, Helen O'Neill, Sheila Hipkiss, Christopher Shiel, Patrick McGann, Helen Nash, Alfred Weston, Timothy Hanly, Thomas O'Brien, Margaret Brown, Anthony Fagan, John Cartwright, Molly Brennan, Jack Butler, Ellen Hall, Patrick White, John O'Connell, Patrick McGuinness, Edith Thomas, Patrick Carr, Anne Moriarty, Elsie Birch, Joyce Milton, Mick Bond/Lem Hold, Sean McGrath, Stuart Craven, John Rainey, John Hogan, Thomas Ward, Mary McGrath, Peter Mitchell Julie Furlong and Gwynn Malkin, Edna Friel, Lily Holdsworth, Bridget Savage, Kathleen Clarke, Cameron Dunne,

**Sick & Housebound:** David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Ken Evans, Eilish Crehan, Peggy McCrackean, and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.