



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 6TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	John & Thomas Storey
SUNDAY 7TH THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	8.30am 10am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Mark Green Mary O'Brien Paul Gallagher
MONDAY 8TH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jim Cunningham
TUESDAY 9TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tom Jennings
WEDNESDAY 10TH FERIA	9.30am	Holy Mass	Lesley Simons SI
THURSDAY 11TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick & Bridget Norris
FRIDAY 12TH ST AELRED OF RIEVAULX, ABBOT	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	Thomas O'Brien Bridie Savage
SATURDAY 13TH OUR LADY	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Julia Walsh

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 13TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Christie & Bridie O'Donovan
SUNDAY 14TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jim Cunningham Michelle Madden Sheila Walsh



WELCOME

A warm welcome to all, especially if this is your first time or you are visiting! This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The three Kings (Magi, or Wise Men) bring the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They have symbolic meanings: gold, because Jesus is King; frankincense (used for worship) because Jesus is God; myrrh (used for burial) because Jesus will freely give his life for us on the Cross and will be buried in a tomb. We too acknowledge Jesus as King, God and Saviour, and at the start of this New Year we entrust our lives to Him.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS - Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco wish to thank you for your generous Christmas offerings and for the many cards & gifts we have received. We are truly grateful for your kindness and support.

OFFERINGS AT THE CRIB - This year, the offerings we give at the Crib will be given to the charity, *Friends of the Holy Land*. The charity works to support the very small Christian community that is left in the Holy Land. Whatever you give at the crib will be donated to the work of this charity. As you kneel before the crib this year, pray for peace in the land of the Lord's birth and for a new beginning for all peoples to live together in justice, love and peace.

FLOWER ARRANGERS - A meeting for all involved and who would like to be involved in flower arranging will take place on Friday 12th January after 10am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

PLACE OF WELCOME GROUP - for those with special needs of any kind and none meets this Sunday 2.30-4pm in the Parish Meeting room. All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting of the group is on Wednesday 10th Jan in the Parish Meeting Room at 10.30am. Anyone who has experienced bereavement is most welcome to come and take part. Please extend an invitation to anyone who might appreciate it.

MEDITATION GROUP - The next meeting the group is on Monday 15th January at 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Come and experience God's love for you through this special form of prayer.

PRAYER GROUP - Meets again on Thurs 19th Jan after the 10am Mass. Newcomers always welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - is being organised by one of our parishioners, Charles Keily, from **Sat 6th to Mon 8th of April 2024**. The cost is £299pp for en-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation, and includes coach travel. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19th January on 07710 189036 (see posters on noticeboards). Walsingham is our very own Marian Shrine where our Lady appeared in 1061. It is said that Pope Leo XIII prophesied that "when England returns to Walsingham, Mary will come back to England". If you haven't been to Walsingham yet, this is a great opportunity!

OTHER PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aldora Johnson. They can be contacted at: sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH TOTE - The winning numbers are **3, 11, 12, 16**. No Jackpot winner. 1 person had 3 numbers and receives £180 – FRD/SL/KD. Jackpot next week is £1,400 and will be drawn on Thursday 11th January, 2024 in the Social Club. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through Presbytery letterbox no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

LEISURE CLUB - meets again this Tues 9th Jan.

SVP - Our parish group continue to visit many people to offer friendship and support. If you would like to support their work please contact Mike on 07983 160730.

HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

THURSDAY EVENING BINGO AND TOTE DRAW - From 8pm. It could be your lucky night!

BOOKING THE CLUB - The Social Club is becoming a very popular local venue for many social events. **Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 0794073593** if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Alternatively contact 0121-706-6358,. Email: info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk.

AND FINALLY...

I would like to reiterate the thanks given by Canon Jonathan last week: since arriving to Holy Souls parish I have been struck by the number of people who give so much time and love to the parish, often doing so discreetly, without seeking praise or attention. Your contributions do not go unnoticed and we renew our thanks and praise to God for all those who help in the running and life of our parish! I enjoyed a few days with my parents and sister last week and this week it is Canon Jonathan's turn to have a few days of well-earned rest! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the parish to thank Canon Jonathan for all the work he does, not only as our parish priest but also as dean, as a canon of the chapter (assisting Archbishop Bernard in the running of the diocese), and as the Diocesan Trustee for Education. All these are demanding tasks so we thank God for the gift of his dedicated ministry and service. In thanksgiving, I invite you to please pray the prayer for priests by St Therese of Lisieux below, keeping Canon Jonathan particularly in mind. He probably wouldn't want all this attention, but he is away this weekend so he can't do much about it!! :D

Fr Marco

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptised me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

Recently Deceased: Fr Paul Lomas, Fr Christopher Greaney, Peter Cain, Brendan McNerney, Rita Hyatt, Patrick Lynch, Julia Gilligan

Anniversaries: John McDonagh, Thomas Murphy, Nora Sheriff, Nora Mahoney, Albert Woodlane, John Walshe, Ann Smith, Matt Grogan, Ellyn Harris, Kathleen Ryan, Irene Campion, Robert Woolley, Margaret Gibbons, Patrick Carling, Leo O'Kane, Joseph Ricketts, George Foster, Peggy Smith, Eileen Garry and John Fleming Patricia Smales, Kevin Grogan, Con O'Shea, Julie Walton, William Earls, Thomas Minogue, James Doherty, Peter "Paul" Gallagher.

Sick & Housebound: David Cross, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Julia Gilligan, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Moria Healy, Elizabeth Connaughton, Francis Mooney, Greg Boyle, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, Ann Whiston.