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Christmas Day – 25th December 2022

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	26 th	St Stephen	St M	10.00am	Patrick McKumiskey (SM)	Acts 6 8-10; 7:54-59, Matt 10:17-22
Tue	27 th	St John, Apostle			No Mass	
Wed	28 th	The Holy Innocents	St O	10.00am	Maureen Cairns	1 John 1: 5; 2:2, Matt 2: 13-18
Thu	29 th	St Thomas Becket, Bp	St M	10.00am	Sally Conway (CDewhurst)	Col 1: 24-29, Luke 22: 24-30
Fri	30 th	The Holy Family	St O	10.00am	Jim & Margaret Collins (MC)	Ecc 3: 2-14, Col 3: 12-21
Sat	31 st	Octave of Christmas	St M	10.00am	Norman Peffers (CP)	1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18
Sun	1 st	Mary, Mother of God	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Nums 6: 22-27, Gals 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21
			St M	11.00am	Zofia (G.Herbert)	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30–10.45am in St Mary's Church
 St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Luke Goodwin, Paul Mazzucchi, Maureen Ruddick, Betty Briggs, Lisa Stimpson, Clare Nelson, Herbie Meldrum, GR, Pat Scott, Sheila Boyle.

And for **Tony Matthews** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: George Marshall, Violet Mackintosh, Sandra Wood, William Tilley, May Cassidy, Maureen Kay, Maureen Cairns, Lawrence Goveas, Willine McAllister, Sid Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyett, Norman Peffers. Mary Collins

The Christmas Collection will take place at the end of each Christmas Mass – which will be in addition to the usual Sunday Collection. Money raised is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

Thank You: The Ward family would like to thank everyone who joined them in church to share in the celebration of Chuck's life. They would especially like to thank Fr Martin and Maureen Stimpson. The family appreciates the support.

Red Mission Boxes: December quarter is now due. Please either bring your box to Church or contact your collector for collection.

The Collection for the **Priests Training Fund** raised **£505.24**. The collection for **Youth Sunday** raised **£279.15**. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Admissions Consultation: St Mary's Catholic Primary School are consulting on the intended changes to our admissions arrangements for 2024/25. Please visit our website www.stmarysonline.co.uk to view this policy and either request a hard copy of the policy and response form from the school office or submit your response to the following: <https://forms.office.com/e/xWNTT39bNK>

Northern Catholic Calendars 2023 are now on sale, as you leave church. **Only £3**. *Please place payment in the envelopes provided and return to the collection plate.*

Christmas gift Suggestions

To your enemy, Forgiveness. To an opponent Tolerance.
 To a friend, your Heart. To a refugee, a Welcome.
 To all, Charity. To every child, a Good Example.
 To yourself, Respect.

I take this opportunity to wish you all every peace and blessing this Christmas. Once again I extend a very special thank you to all those who have worked so hard during the year in service of the parish community. I pray that our lives of faith will be a real source of inspiration for others.
 Fr Martin

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

This great hymn of exultation at the return of the exiles from Babylon is also a poem of joy at our redemption.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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| 1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. | 2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. |
| 3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. | 4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. |

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

The whole history of God's dealings with his people in the past was a preparation for the coming of his Son at a particular moment in history.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

This is a great hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us. And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

If Jesus were to be born today, do you think you would accept him and follow him? Why or why not?