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*We live, as perhaps we've always lived, in a world of the night of fear. And if we are not in a state of fear then we escape it through various means of denial or indulgent diversion. We so desperately need the light of hope and homely security, and on that night of the 'birth of God' we were not disappointed. Now in the darkness of this night we gather again to celebrate the coming of the light. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem we hear again the song of the angels telling us of a child born for us, a saviour. We hear those reassuring words that feature regularly throughout the Gospel story—"do not be afraid". We need to remember that there is good news to tell, news that will always survive the evil that human beings can do. There is joy meant for us, a reason to believe, a cause of happiness that we can know and share in. This same infant child, as he becomes Our Lord, will tell us that we can also recognise him in one another — "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me". This is the child who will be the Prince of Peace, but the peace that takes over our hearts. Jesus, son of Mary, be born in us today.*

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Karen Ireson, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson

The Lawns  
 Clarence House  
 Eversleigh N. H.  
 Clarendon Manor  
 Stratford  
 RLS Nursing Home  
 Woodside  
 Galanos House

Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan  
**Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange,**  
 Kathleen Hammond,  
 Winifred Galvin  
 Mollie Benson  
 Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby  
 Monty Jenkinson  
 Robbie Burns  
 Angele Handford, Christina Kelly  
 Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 1.1.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Wimpenny family	David Harwar, Ted Forde, Liam Kearns
5.30pm	Carol Bowler	May Murphy, Kim Kearns, Josie Whittington



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Owen Bennison RIP with love*

**25th December 2016  
 The Nativity of the Lord**



**PARISH NEWS ITEMS**

200 Club: the next collection will take place after both Masses on 8 January. This will be instead of the usual Sunday collections.

Fatima Centenary special event 2017

A celebration event will be taking place for the Warwick, Coventry and other local deaneries on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Leamington. Please keep the date free. More details nearer the time. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 4 2 8 3 9 9 m d i m a m - bro@hotmail.co.uk

Heavy Hoovering: Please give this some thought, as one of our cleaning teams is in need of help—just once a month. Please speak to Fr. Bob or May Murphy.

Do you need help and encouragement to read the Bible? If so, you are invited to take part in "The Big Picture" Bible Study Course. This consists of a 12 session step by step journey through Salvation History using a book and DVD with daily Bible study reflections and includes input from Fr. David Oakley, Rector at Oscott College. These sessions will be held in Lillington Church Hall beginning Wednesday 11th January at 10.00am For more details contact Maureen: 773744 or mchatfield51@outlook.com

Christmas Offering: The Diocesan schedule reminds us that it is customary for the Christmas Day collections to be an offering to the clergy.

Christmas Thanks  
 As always, many people worked very hard to decorate the church and make everywhere festive. Many thanks to those who have cleaned, arranged flowers and prepared for the liturgies both in terms of the music and what happens on the sanctuary, especially perhaps, those who work quietly in the background to ensure that everything is as it should be. Thank you to the Ministers and Readers from all three churches who took on the additional duties required here at St. Joseph's. Thanks again to all those who stayed behind after Mass and decorated the tree and to those who erected the crib. Thank you also for the donations for flowers. Not least, thanks to all who attended and supported our various liturgies. We are all very grateful for your contributions towards a blessed celebration of the Saviour's birth

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Christmas and thank you for all your support and kindness throughout the year. I hope that the new year, 2017, will be one of happiness and fulfilment for each one of you.

Fr. Bob



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

<b>Saturday 24 Dec</b> <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VIGIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MIDNIGHT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	OL <b>SP</b> SJ <b>SP</b> SJ SJ	12.30 pm <b>3.30 pm</b> 6.00 pm <b>10.00 pm</b> <i>10.30 pm</i> 11.00 pm	Arthur & Irene Leach Meg Lewis John & Teresa Skinner People of the Parish <i>Christmas Carols and Readings</i> Ian Wilshire
<b>Sunday 25 Dec</b> <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>**Christmas Day**</i>	<b>SP</b> OL SJ <b>SP</b>	<b>8.00 am</b> 9.30 am 10.00 am <b>11.00 am</b>	Private Intention People of the Parish The Long Family Alison Cook
<b>Monday 26 Dec</b> <i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	SP   SJ	10.00 am   11.00 am	Guild of St Stephen - Altar Servers, past, present & future   Chris & Phil Lane
<b>Tuesday 27 Dec</b> <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	SJ SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm	Mary McGarvey R.I.P Margaret Astell
<b>Wednesday 28 Dec</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	OL <b>SP</b>  OL	12.00 pm <b>12.30 pm</b>  5.00 pm	Susan Day Eileen Murphy Bridie Farrel <u>Reception: Maria Monteiro R.I.P</u>
<b>Thursday 29 Dec</b> <i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i>	OL <b>SP</b>  SJ	<u>11.30 am</u> <b>12.30 pm</b>  7.00 pm	<u>Requiem Mass: Maria Monteiro R.I.P</u> Private Intention Dermot Collins Special Intention J & L
<b>Friday 30 Dec</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	SJ OL <b>SP</b>	9.30 am 12.00 pm <b>12.30 pm</b>	Olive & Leonard Geoghegan Maria Alice Spencer Bernard Forde
<b>Saturday 31 Dec</b> <i>Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave</i>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VIGIL</b></p>	SJ <b>SP</b>  OL <b>SP</b>	9.30 am <b>10.00 am</b>  12.30 pm <b>5.00 pm</b>	People of the Parish Danny Carey  David & June Palmer: <i>40th Wedding Anniversary</i> Harry, Maureen & Anthony Willis
<b>Sunday 1 January 2017</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	SJ  OL <b>SP</b> SJ	8.00 am  9.30 am <b>11.30 am</b> 5.30 pm	Betty McLeary John Punch Maisie Buckley Josephine O'Neill Gabriel McCague

Crib Offering  
 This year, throughout Advent and Christmastide, will be for the Friends of the Holy Land

### Anniversaries

John Toye, Patrick Murphy, Cornelius Griffin, James and Elizabeth Falvey, Mary Waters, Willy Buttigieg, May Crowley, Herbert Nagel, John Murphy, George Patrick Harris, Glennis Burton, Bob Rego

*May they rest in peace*

### THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: *No Dancing*  
 Tues: *No Tuesday club until 10th Jan*  
 Wed: *No Art*  
 Thurs: *No music group until 12th Jan*  
           *No Weight Watchers until 5th Jan*  
 Fri: *No Karate until 6th Jan*  
 Sat: 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK  
 18th  
 December  
 Offertory:  
 £471.06

No Second Collection

Attendance  
236

