

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2012

The Holy Family

<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Holy Family</u>	
	9:00am	Carter Family	
	11:00am	Celia Shakespeare	
	7:00pm	Margaret MacDonald	
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	St Sylvester	
	10:00am	Mary Ellen & Frank McLaughlin	
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Mary the Mother of God</u>	
	11:00am	O'Neil & McAllister Families	
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss Basil & Gregory	
	10:00am	Ellsie Holland	
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Holy Name of Jesus	
	10:00am	Jimmy Craig	
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
		John Cassidy & Evelyn Givens	
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
		Malcolm & Bess Reilly	
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>	
	9:00am	Joseph & Elisabeth Docherty	
	11:00am		
	7:00pm		
<u>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 Epiphany of the Lord</u>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	M. Murray	V. Shearer	D. Oldroyd
	A. Gorman	V. Shearer	S. Smith
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. Donaldson	Iv. Brown	B. Cole
	T. McLaughlin	Is. Brown	J. Barham
	A. Beattie	E. Dixon	A. Smith

**Christmas Offering** – Many people believe that the Christmas Collection (including the envelope in your offertory pack) goes to the priests of the parish. This has not been the case in this diocese for some years. The Christmas collection goes to the parish. If you wish to make an offering of appreciation for your two priests please use the white envelopes at the back of church and place them on the offertory plate. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

**Fundraising Committee** - next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please come along if you want to help or have any ideas.

**Journey in Faith for Adults** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in presbytery.

**Year of Faith – for young people year 9 upwards** – resumes in mid January.

**New Hymn Book Dedication Forms** – Would you like to dedicate a hymn book? See forms at the back of church. Suggested donation £10. Please use the brown envelopes and put them on the collection plate.

**White Flower Appeal** - The annual collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Senior Parishioners Social** - The annual social for Senior Parishioners will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 3p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a buffet and drinks provided and musical entertainment. Also a free raffle. Please put your name on the list in the porch if you would like to attend, and please indicate if you would like transport.

**SVP Meeting** - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

**The Epiphany of the Lord** – Children remember to come to Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January dressed as kings and queens. For 9.00am Mass assemble in the church hall at 9.55am at the latest.

# ADDITIONAL NOTICES

## Thank You

Fr Jim Doherty and myself would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sent us greetings and gifts for Christmas and for using the special Christmas offertory envelopes. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

I want to say a special word of thanks for everyone who has helped the Christmas Masses go so well. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes in order to make the church look so beautiful. Thanks to everyone who was involved. I also need to thank most sincerely, all those who helped out during our months of exile from the church. There was a lot of toing and froing. It involved a lot of work. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

The approaching New Year gives me the opportunity to say a very Big Thank You to all the people who help with the smooth running of the Parish and who give of their time and talent so generously in so many ways. Please forgive me if I miss anyone out. It is not deliberate. So, starting from Christmas and working backwards I want to say many thanks to flower arrangers, crib erectors (both inside the church and on Oldgate), sacristans, cleaners, newsletter typists, church linen cleaners, rota producers, readers, choir, folk group, organists, instrumentalists, cantors, altar servers( young and old) , our altar server co-ordinator, ushers and the leaders of the Children's Liturgy who arranged the splendid Nativity Play at the Christmas Vigil Mass, the staff and children at St Robert's. A big thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers, the counters, the parish secretary, the people who help with the offertory collection, the gift aid organiser, the ushers, all those who serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday morning. To everyone who works quietly behind the scenes, a very big thank you. Your help and commitment is very much appreciated. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment to the parish and your participation in the life of the parish.

A special word of thanks to everyone who has helped out with fundraising over the last six months. Over £9,000 has been raised in a short period of time. Many thanks to the fundraising committee and most especially those who worked very hard to make the various events such a great success. Many thanks also to the Parish Pastoral Council and all the different parish groups (SVP, CWL, Catenians and others) who contribute so much to the life of the parish.

Thanks to everyone who supports the parish and school in so many varied ways. It is very much appreciated. Thanks also for your financial contribution to the parish through the offertory collection and gift aid.

I want to say a special word of thanks to Fr Jim Doherty whose contribution to the life of the parish is enormous. We all owe him a deep debt of gratitude. I value his support and advise very much.

*Fr Lawrence Jones.*

## Social Evening for Young People

Thinking of our young people home from University and all those still at home, Fr Lawrence and Fr Jim would like to invite all those aged 17 to mid 20's to a social evening in the presbytery on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00pm.

## Social Evening with members of St George's Church

Fr Lawrence has invited the Rev Ron Forster and parishioners of St George's to a social evening on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm in the parish hall. This is in order to say a very big thank you for the tremendous hospitality that St George's showed us for four months. Please come along and support this event.