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The Month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (C)
Saturday, 25 DECEMBER 2021 Psalter Week 1



THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



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| Saturday | CHRISTMAS DAY - Mass details as in last week's newsletter |
| Sunday | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY |
| 9.00am (Totley) | People of the Parish |
| 9.15 a.m. | Liz & Danny Grant |
| 11.15 a.m. | James Moffett |
| Monday | ST JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST |
| | No Mass |
| Tuesday (Totley) | THE HOLY INNOCENTS |
| 10.00 a.m. | Dead List |
| Wednesday | ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY MARTYR |
| 10.00 a.m. | Kath Jarman |
| Thursday | Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave |
| | No Mass |
| Friday | Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave |
| 10.00am | Margaret Stancer |
| Saturday | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD |
| 10.00 a.m. | Dead List |

Next week's Masses (Sunday 2ND)

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 pm. Angela McKinney

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. The Byrne Family

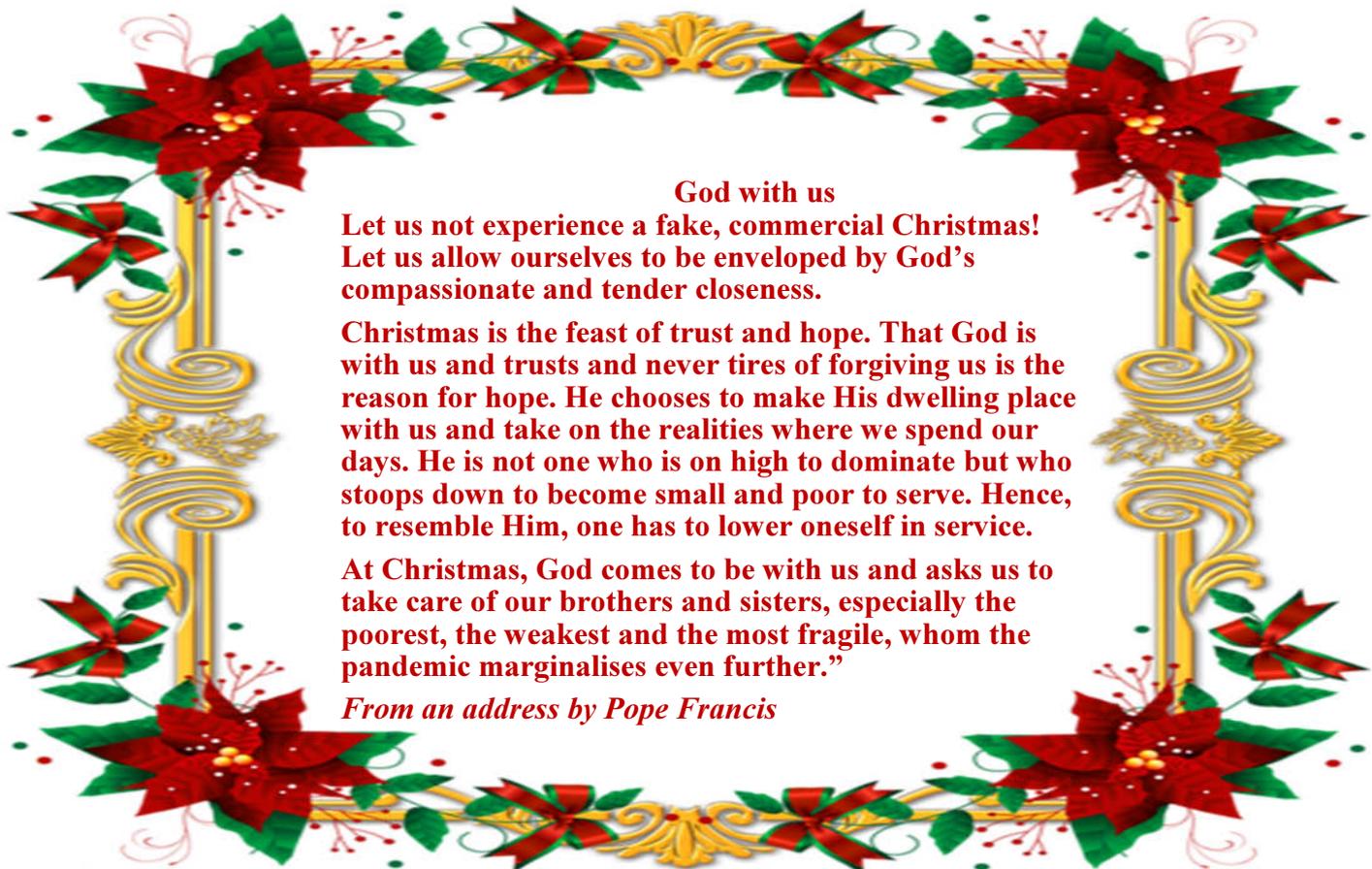
Please Pray for: Our sick: Alison Bingley Tom Bennett, Pauline Soufflas, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin and David Gage.

Lately dead: Danny Grant, Neville Garratt and Edward Keefe.



O Holy Night

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, FOR UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN



God with us

**Let us not experience a fake, commercial Christmas!
Let us allow ourselves to be enveloped by God's
compassionate and tender closeness.**

**Christmas is the feast of trust and hope. That God is
with us and trusts and never tires of forgiving us is the
reason for hope. He chooses to make His dwelling place
with us and take on the realities where we spend our
days. He is not one who is on high to dominate but who
stoops down to become small and poor to serve. Hence,
to resemble Him, one has to lower oneself in service.**

**At Christmas, God comes to be with us and asks us to
take care of our brothers and sisters, especially the
poorest, the weakest and the most fragile, whom the
pandemic marginalises even further."**

From an address by Pope Francis

**Christmas Offerings - Envelopes are
available in church for you to make your
Christmas offering to the clergy. If you
cannot make your offering in your usual way,
you can do so online using the following bank de-
tails Account Name: Diocese of Hallam
Woodseats RC Parish, Account Number:
01095153, Sort Code: 40-41-07 Be sure to
state Christmas Gift for the reference.**

*ADVENT OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Thank you for all your generosity
throughout Advent and for spreading
Hope, Light and the Good News here in
Sheffield.*



**January's Give to Live, the
monthly emptying of jars and
bottles of our small change into
the basket on the Offertory
Table, will be next Sunday, the
first in the month. December's
Give to Live raised
£235. Thank you.**



**Under the Holly Bough
by Charles Mackay**

**Ye who have scorned each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year;
Ye who, by word or deed,
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!**

**Let sinned against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning,
And join in friendship now.
Be links no longer broken,
Be sweet forgiveness spoken
Under the Holly-Bough.**

**Ye who have loved each other,
Sister and friend and brother,
In this fast-fading year:
Mother and sire and child,
Young man and maiden mild,
Come gather here;**

**And let your heart grow fonder,
As memory shall ponder
Each past unbroken vow;
Old loves and younger wooing
Are sweet in the renewing
Under the Holly-Bough.**

**Ye who have nourished sadness,
Estranged from hope and gladness
In this fast-fading year;
Ye with o'erburdened mind,
Made aliens from your kind,
Come gather here.**

**Let not the useless sorrow
Pursue you night and morrow,
If e'er you hoped, hope now.
Take heart,— uncloud your faces,
And join in our embraces
Under the Holly-Bough.**

**We are also resuming
the regular practical offertory of
tinned tuna and meat,
particularly ham, for St
Wilfrid's Centre. So next
Sunday, 2nd January, will be the
day for both these collections.
Thank you for all your generous
contributions.**





HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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Fr Stephen would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas.
He hopes you will all keep safe, both for yourselves and for those with whom you may be celebrating the Christmas holidays.
He would also like to thank you all for the warm welcome he has continued to receive as more and more parishioners have returned to church during 2021.
Also for all your cards and gifts wishing him well. They are very much appreciated.



Crib Offerings
Our Crib offerings this year will go to the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust .



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feliz natal

Felix dies nativitatis

GUTE WEIHNACHT

FELICES NAVIDADES

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A Thought for Christmas Day

Today the Church focuses on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no special saint to lead us to Christ in the manger, though Mary and Joseph help round out the scene. But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous, perhaps disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.



Prayer for the Feast of The Holy Family (this Sunday)

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

This Week's Readings THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 127

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*

Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*



Next Week's Readings

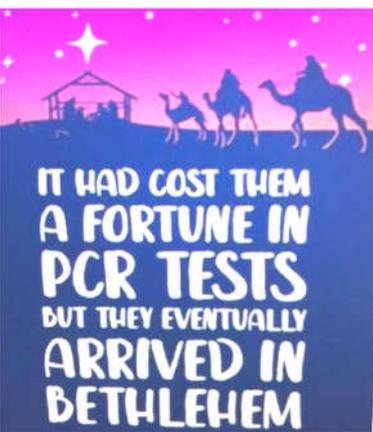
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12*

Responsorial Psalm: 147

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18*

Gospel: *John 1: 1-18*



Prayer for the Christmas Season



Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The First Martyr and Our Parish Martyr

As 26th December falls on a Sunday this year, we don't celebrate the Feast of St Stephen. He was one of the deacons appointed by the Apostles to organise the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying.

Wednesday 29th December is the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury. Born Thomas Becket in the year 1118, he forsook the wealth, trappings and security of high offices— first Chancellor, then Archbishop of Canterbury - bestowed on him by his former friend, King Henry II, rather than colluding with Henry's usurpation of church rights. Becket's opposition to Henry resulted in his exile, and after his return and a failed attempt at reconciliation, his murder in Canterbury Cathedral on 29th December 1170. He was canonised in 1173. He remains a hero-saint down to our own times. Thomas knew he must stand firm in defence of truth and right, even at the cost of his life. We also must take a stand in the face of pressures - against dishonesty, deceit and destruction of life - even at the cost of popularity, convenience, promotion and an easy life.

Next week's ministries for 1/2 January

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| Communion | 9.15 a.m. | M Mahon |
| | 11.15 a.m. | J McNally |
| Readers | 5.00 p.m. | G Higgins, D Fletcher |
| | 9.15 a.m. | S Jones, F Green |
| | 11.15 a.m. | M Pybus, F Glaze |
| Welcomers | 9.15 a.m. | Volunteers needed! |
| | 11.15 a.m. | H Stones, S Campos |

This week's ministries: The Holy Family

Communion:

9.15am: P Ashby

11.15am: J Tucker

Readers:

9.00am: V Coomer, C Nicholson

9.15am: C Perryman, F Green

11.15am: M Richardson, J McNally