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The Month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

SUNDAY, 31ST DECEMBER 2023 Psalter Week 1



THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Liz Grant

11.15 a.m. McCaskill Family

Monday MARY MOTHER OF GOD

10.00 a.m. Kath Jarman

*Tuesday Ss Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, bishops*

*12.00 p.m. Requiem for Maria Magdalene
Toner*

Wednesday The Holy Name of Jesus

No Mass

Thursday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Friday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Saturday Christmas Feria

No Mass



SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



Next week's Masses - The Epiphany

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Rosemary Stubbs

11.15 a.m. Anne-Marie Byrne & Family

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am - 11.30am

*Please Pray for: Our sick: Philip Jones,
David Gage, Helen Aulton, Anne Grayson,
Stephen Bingley, Pauline Soufflas, Fred
Sherwood, Teddy Howes,
Elizabeth Maltby, Anne McPhee and
Fr Michael O'Connor.*

*Recently dead: Margaret Mitchell,
(formerly of this parish) RIP*

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

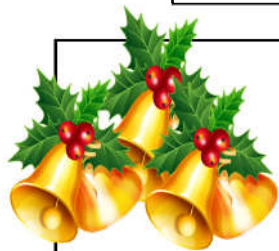
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We warmly welcome the priests who will be celebrating Masses for us over this and the next three weekends.

MASSES THIS WEEK: There will be Mass at Meadowhead at 10.00am on Monday, New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. There is a Requiem Mass on Tuesday at Meadowhead at 12.00 for Maria Magdalene Toner. These are the only weekday Masses in the parish this week.



Crib Offerings

Our Crib offerings this year will go to the Hallam Bethlehem Fund to support the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust.



I would like to than EVERYONE who has helped in the parish over the last year.

To all the members of the various committees in the parish - for their dedication, continued hard work and invaluable input and advice.

To the headteacher, teachers and Governors of our primary school, St Thomas of Canterbury, for their work in educating our children and helping to guide them in their faith.

To all those who assist the secretary in her duties, and to her; you are sincerely appreciated for the work that you do and the efforts you make to ensure that the parish can run smoothly.

For the catechists; for all the work you do in preparing our children to receive the sacraments.

The sacristans; for loving your work that you are doing and the preparation for all the liturgies.

To the altar servers for contributing to the liturgies by serving Mass every week.

The music group; for the rich variety of music you bring to the parish and for doing it so well.

To the flower arrangers for making the church look so beautiful.

The Garden Club gardeners, for your continued efforts in keeping the gardens and surrounding areas always looking so well kept and tidy.

All those who work on our charitable giving: SVP, Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust; Outreach and any other charitable effort that takes place.

For all of you who continue to attend Mass - you are the reason why are parish is still moving forward.

To all those involved with our social events and activities which help keep us together as a parish. For all those who give financially; by whatever means . We couldn't exist without your generous offerings.

I would also like to thank you all for generous gifts, donations cards and letters. It is very much appreciated.

Finally, I hope you are continuing to enjoy this wonderful season of Christmas and I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Fr Stephen.

Continuing our reflections on the work within the parish, this week we focus on the **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**. Firstly, a big thank you for your Advent donations of chocolates and biscuits for distribution by SVP members; also your support for the regular monthly collections after Sunday Masses.

The aim of the SVP is to provide help and support to those in our parish and the wider community. This includes visiting those who are sick or housebound, giving parishioners lifts to Mass and other parish events, and providing financial support to those in need. If you know of anyone who may benefit from a visit from members of the SVP please contact Ralph Dickins (0114 2748764)

The SVP is always looking for new members to join the OLST group. If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Ralph, or Frances Green.. There are booklets in the porch giving more detail of the work of the SVP.

Fr Stephen and the Parish Council.





Children's Liturgy during the festive period.
Sunday 31st December - No Children's Liturgy session
Sunday 7th January (Epiphany) - Children's Liturgy sessions resume at the 9.15am Mass.



Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Mother of All

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God. The precise title, "Mother of God", goes back to at least the third or fourth century, The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos* (God-bearer). The tradition reaches to the present day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution of the Church calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

Other themes come together on the Feast. It is the Octave of Christmas. Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace. Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year. Mary continues to bring new life to her children – who are also God's children.

The December Edition of the Hallam Bridge, our diocesan monthly newsletter is available to read online on the Diocese of Hallam website, at <https://hallam-diocese.com/hallam-bridge-december-2023-012/>. If you can't access this, printed copies are on display on the notice boards, and there are a few copies in the porch to take away.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is transferred this year from Saturday 6th to Sunday, 7th January. **And to contribute to our celebration of this great feast.....**

...O Come All Ye Faithful, Sing Choirs of Angels: Join us at English Martyrs Totley on Saturday 6th January for a short **Celebration of Carols** at 6.00pm after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass. All Welcome. Bring a Friend. (Dressing as kings is not obligatory - but encouraged! Crowns will be available.)





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS
Mass of St Columba
Gospel Acclamation 68



Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

God our Father,
 in the Holy Family of Nazareth
 you have given us the true model of a Christian home.
 Grant that by following Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 in their love for each other and
 in the example of their family life,
 we may come to your home of peace and joy.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Monday)

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of
 Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race
 the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray,
 that we may experience the intercession of her,
 through whom we were found worthy
 to receive the author of life,
 our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Next Week's Readings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*; **Responsorial Psalm:** *71*;
Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*; **Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*



This Week's Ministries for 30/31 December



The Season of Christmas

<i>Readers</i>	<i>5.00 p.m.</i>	<i>V Coomer, G Higgins</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>C Perryman, F Green</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>J-J Carter, M Richardson</i>
<i>Communion</i>	<i>5.00 p.m.</i>	<i>C Udall, S Davey</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>R Portaluri, C Parsons, N Parsons</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>H Stones, S Campos, J McNally</i>
<i>Welcomers</i>	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>S Campos, H Stones</i>

Next Week's Ministries 6/7 January 2024

<i>Readers</i>	<i>5.00 p.m.</i>	<i>A Southern, E Watson</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>A Peacey, J Bourne</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>M Pybus, P Moon</i>
<i>Communion</i>	<i>5.00 p.m.</i>	<i>J Brook, V Coomer</i>
	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>A Tucker, A Tucker, H Grady</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>E Williamson, P Corkell, K O'Brien</i>
<i>Welcomers</i>	<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>S Jones</i>
	<i>11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>A Willcock</i>

