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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIS SUNDAY'S PARISH MASS BOOK
Prayers & Scripture Readings page 90 ff
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Mass Times, Intentions & Feasts w/c Sunday 23rd December, 2018

Sun 23 **9.00am** People of the Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mon 24 **6.00pm** People of the Parish
11.30pm Dennis & Elizabeth Oliver RIP

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

Tue 25 **9.00am** Parish Dead List

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Sun 30 **9.00am** People of the Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Confessions

Christmas Eve at 11.30am

Mass at St Edward's, Clifford:

Christmas Day 10am

Please pray for those who are sick especially **Jane Coleman, Irene & John Smith, Peggy Thompson, Tony Lyons, Anne Raines, John Rayne-Davis & Margaret Scrubbs**

Of your charity pray also for all who have recently died especially **Frederick William Hall** RIP and for all whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

WE WELCOME all visitors to St Joseph's, whether you are from near or far.

We ask that if possible you please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of church and 'Gift Aid' your offering, as this helps to maintain our lovely church. TEA & COFFEE will be served in ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL after TODAY'S Mass. Please join us.

The Ministry of Reader:

Today (1st) Anita Lewis (2nd) Catherine Dunbar (BP) Bernard Walford

Next Sunday (1st) Alma Taylor (2nd) Greg Lodge (BP) Ann Robertshaw



Children are welcome to dress as angels or shepherds at Christmas Masses

LEEDS DIOCESAN 2018 ANNUAL REVIEW

is available at the back of church.

Also available online at:

[www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/assets/files/Annual-Review 2018.pdf](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/assets/files/Annual-Review%202018.pdf)

Feedback appreciated to: communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Joseph's 52 CLUB

In 2018 we had a total of 46 members and after paying out the **£100.00 prize money each month**, it raised just under **£1,200** for church funds. It costs £52.00 to join, payable in cash, or a cheque for £52.00 made payable to St Joseph's Church with option to write 2 cheques, one dated January for £26 and one dated July for £26 **If anyone would like to join, please can they pick up one of the forms at the back of church, or have a chat with Kathy Walford.**

Recent Donations Thank you

Last Sunday's Offertory **£331.96**

Jubilee Stained Glass Window **£100**

Christmas Flowers **£10**

THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

By St Robert Southwell 1561-1595



Behold the father is his daughter's son,
The bird that built the nest is hatch'd therein,
The old of years an hour hath not outrun,
Eternal life to live doth now begin,
The word is dumb, the mirth of heaven doth weep,
Might feeble is, and force doth faintly creep.

O dying souls! behold your living spring!
O dazzled eyes! behold your sun of grace!
Dull ears attend what word this word doth bring!
Up, heavy hearts, with joy your joy embrace!
From death, from dark, from deafness, from despairs,
This life, this light, this word, this joy repairs.

Gift better than Himself God doth not know,
Gift better than his God no man can see;
This gift doth here the giver given bestow,
Gift to this gift let each receiver be:
God is my gift, Himself He freely gave me,
God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

Man alter'd was by sin from man to beast;
Beast's food is hay, hay is all mortal flesh;
Now God is flesh, and lies in manger press'd,
As hay the brutest sinner to refresh:
Oh happy field wherein this fodder grew,
Whose taste doth us from beasts to men renew!