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# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### THIS SUNDAY'S PARISH MASS BOOK

Prayers & Scripture Readings (C) page 106 ff

Eucharistic Prayer I page 18 ff

## Mass Times, Intentions & Feasts w/c Sunday 30th December, 2018

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

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Mon 31 **9.30am** People of the Parish

**Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas**

Tue 1 **9.30am** People of the Parish

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Wed 2 **9.30am** People of the Parish

**Ss Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors**

Fri 4 **9.30am** People of the Parish

**Weekday of Christmas Time**

Sun 6 **9.00am** People of the Parish

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Mass at St Edward's, Clifford: Sunday 11am**

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 **Amy Fitzgerald and Frederick William Hall** and for all whose Anniversaries occur at this time especially **Fr Jim Oliver**.

### The Ministry of Reader:

**Today** (1st) Alma Taylor (2nd) Greg Lodge (BP) Ann Robertshaw

**Next Sunday** (1st) Catherine Dunbar (2nd) Bernard Walford (BP) Anita Lewis

*A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all parishioners and friends*

*I pray that the joy and happiness of Christmas will remain with you throughout 2019.*

*Your Christmas cards and offerings were much appreciated.  
Thank you. Fr John*

### 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.**

**Last Sunday's Offertory £280.50 Thank you**

**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 the Parish Hall after TODAY'S Mass. Please join us.

### THE GATE OF THE YEAR

**"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."**

*(Minnie Louise Haskins 1908, revived by King George 6th in a broadcast he made during the darkest days of World War 2.)*

There have always been dark times. Some three thousand years ago the nation of Israel was going through a time of great moral and spiritual darkness. The future was bleak, depression was rife and restlessness and despair gripped many. Yet God spoke a message of hope to His people:

**'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given... And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. (Isaiah 9:2-6)**

**Christ is Born for Us!**

### 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)

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