

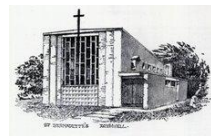


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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 27th December 2009

Times of Liturgies

SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm George & Gary Smallman RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Fr Henry Stanley RIP
		10.30am Nora Mammana, Oscar Roca RIP
		5.00pm Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm Murphy Fam RIP
	Desborough	9.30am For the Parish
	Rothwell	10.30am Service with Deacon
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Nora & David Hirst Int (40 th)

MONDAY	Convent	8.00am William Walsh RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Giovanni & Giulio Mancini RIP
TUESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Peter Leonard RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Burley, Elenora Smith RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Teresa O'Mahony RIP
	St Edward	Exposition & Benediction at Midnight!
FRIDAY	St Edward	12 noon Alfonsa, Rosario Gaziano, Carmela Giammalva RIP
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am Henry John Jefferies RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Norman Franks RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Service with Deacon
		10.30am Horace, Antonio Rootham, Florence Mobbs RIP (Memento: Carlo Senese RIP)
		6.00pm Polish Mass
		7.00pm Maggie Elmore RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Vincent Julyan RIP
	Desborough	9.00am For the Parish
	Rothwell	10.30am Doris & Stanley Wood RIP

PASTORAL NOTES

When I was a student in Rome Christmas was a time to wonder at the different cribs in the various great churches. Some had the illusion of running streams, moving stars, a whole night-time scene of the road to Bethlehem, the angel choirs and shepherds on the hillsides. They were dramatic displays. But a humble little crib can touch us in its simplicity. The ox and the ass, the sheep, remind us the animal kingdom is not forgotten either. With the stars the whole of creation is somehow brought together in joyful and wondering adoration before the Christ-child, with Mary and Joseph. In a recent poll of 3000 people 'Silent Night' came out as the most popular Christmas Carol. In traditional paintings of the Christmas scene at Bethlehem St Joseph is shown with his chin resting on his hand, contemplating. Hopefully some quiet time will be available to us now too!

Readings for the week:

Monday 28 December	The Holy Innocents	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday 29 December	St. Thomas of Canterbury	2 Tim 2:8-13, 3:10-12; Matthew 16:24-27
Wednesday 30 December	6 th Day in the Octave of Christmas	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Thursday 31 January	7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Friday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God	Num.6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Saturday 2 January	Ss Basil & Gregory Nazianzen	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Sunday 3 January	Epiphany of the Lord	Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY

R & R Francis

SATURDAY

10am H Falshaw, E Walsh

6pm O Nixon, C Hill, A Soto

SUNDAY

10.30am S Caldwell, M Marriott

A & T Sansone, T Simon

C C & E Hogg, M McLaren

A & P George, H Falshaw E Walsh

7pm A Morris, N Wijesinghe

CONFESSION

Saturdays after 10am

Mass and 7pm to 7.30pm.

Other times at request.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Rita Paterson who died on 19th December and whose funeral service will be at the Crematorium on Thursday 31st December at 1.45pm. May she rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with the families and friends.

THIS SUNDAY

10.30am Service with Deacon Keith at Rothwell.

NO Malayalam Mass this Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Service with Deacon Keith at St Edward's.

6.00pm Polish Mass.

GENERAL NOTICES

Very many thanks for all the kind wishes and cards at Christmas to the clergy, and for the very generous Christmas offering for the priests.

Every Blessing for the New Year which begins on Friday.

Our four Churches were beautifully decorated and cleaned for the Christmas feast: lovely to see flowers again. Thanks and congratulations to everyone, for their efforts throughout the year.

Thanks, too, for the music supported by musicians and choirs, with behind the scenes practice-times. Extra members are always welcome.

Weekday Masses Reduced over the next fortnight as our priests take it in turns to be away. Please keep an eye on the newsletter, giving the times of all the Masses.

31 SVP Parcels for Christmas were assembled from everyone's gifts from the Giving Tree, and were gratefully received. Thank you to you all from the SVP.

MY DAY-BY-DAY for January 2010 is now available, price £1.

PLEASE – HYMN BOOKS – Bring them back if you have taken them and they've been left in the home! Thank you. We need GREEN/BLUE books back! We're running out!

NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH

The Christmas flower collection came to £59.00, very many thanks.

Due to inclement weather, the Carol Concert arranged for Friday 18th December in Holy Trinity Church Hall had to be cancelled. The Weekley Singers have offered to stage another concert in 2010 and as soon as a date can be agreed, a further announcement will be made. Tickets purchased for the 18th December concert will be valid for the new concert date, but anyone wishing to have a refund should contact Frank – 760357, Peter – 506632 or David – 760641.

NOTES FOR THE DIARY

R.C.I.A. will resume at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th January in the Upper Room.

Tea and coffee (after 10.30am Sunday Masses at St Edward's) will resume in January, now that the Hall is back in use. If anyone would like to volunteer for the rota, please ring 460909.

Tuesday 5th January – UCM Coffee morning and table top sale in the Hall at 10.00am. All welcome.

"Walking Humbly With Our God" - The Diocesan initiative to ensure a "Thriving Catholic Community" continues into the future and now enters a new phase. Early in the New Year we will have the opportunity to view a 12 minute DVD and have conversations about the strengths already present in this parish. After that we will be asked to provide small groups (of perhaps 4 or 5 people) from each Church to talk to a couple of visitors from other parts of the Deanery about our present strengths and hopes for the future.

LUMOS Weekend (Friday 5th- Sunday 7th Feb 2010 at The Kings Park Centre, Northampton)

'Lumos' is a weekend for young people of Northampton Diocese of **secondary school age and above** to get together and discover more about themselves and about their Catholic faith:

"It will be a weekend with time to rest and time to riot!... there'll be activities on offer to explore more about prayer, about Mass, about faith and about justice, and at the same time we'll be getting stuck in with sport, art, drama, talent spots and social time. The theme of the weekend is 'on fire'. We'll be looking at our relationship with the Holy Spirit and how we can live spirit-filled lives. There will be lots of outdoor activities, as well as funny and inspiring inputs and plenty of time to discuss in smaller groups! Places are limited at 'lumos' so make sure you get your deposit in quickly to secure a place" (from the NYMO Website).

The cost of the weekend is £75 per person, but the parish would be willing to pay half of this from the Ireson Fund. If more than 5 young people from the parish would like to attend, however, they will need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information see the Northampton Youth Ministry Website: <http://www.nymo.org>.

If you are interested in going, please contact Fr Andy at the Presbytery who will try to co-ordinate the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER:

By hand to the priest, or by email to newsletter@stedwardskettering.org.uk
Deadline is Wednesday each week