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The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Happy Christ Mass!

I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas. May the nativity of the Holy Child Jesus inspire and console you this year and strengthen you for God's service in 2018.

Fr Michael

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – The Collection at all the Christmas Masses is in support of your Parish Priest. Thank you!

MASS ON BOXING DAY will be at 10AM.

FR JOSEPH WILLIAMS, RIP – The Mass at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27th December will be offered for Fr Joe's fourth anniversary..

FOOD BANK – thanks also for the donations of food – NOAH are very grateful for our donations to help feed those in need.

Christmas editions of **THE UNIVERSE (£2.60)** & **THE CATHOLIC HERALD (£5)** are available from the porch of the Church.

FRIDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER – will take place on **Friday 5th January – 12:30-3:00pm**. All welcome – those who missed the Senior Citizens dinner due to wintry weather are welcome to come free of charge. Or else the usual costs apply. Please contact Charlotte on 07883 848269 to book in.

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

+ This Week: Anne Mead & John Jephcott

+ Next Week: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

+ This Week: Michael, Benedicta & Elizabeth

+ Next Week: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 17th December – **£1062.07**

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Sunday 24th/Monday 25th December

Vigil 6:30pm	Contreras family's intentions
11:30pm	Carols & Readings before...
Midnight	Catherine & Patrick Browne, RIP
9:00am	Eileen Lana Burford, RIP
11.00am	In Thanksgiving (Calignawan family)
Tuesday – St Stephen	
<u>10:00am</u>	Philomena Esuaikoh, RIP
Wednesday – St John	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Fr Joseph Williams, RIP
Thursday – The Holy Innocents	
9:00am	Ligaya Carreon, RIP
FRIDAY – NO MASS TODAY	
SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5:30PM – 6:00PM	
SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM	
Next Sunday – Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Daniel & Elizabeth O'Leary, RIP
11:00am	Mrs Healy

Charismatic Prayer Group: [Back on Friday 12th Jan.](#)

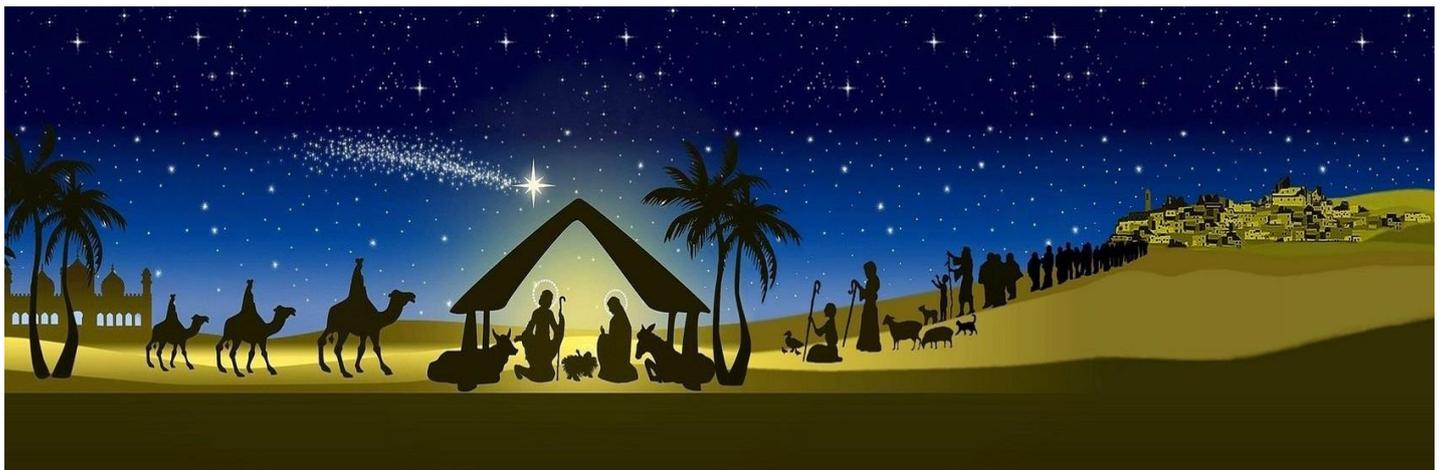
Legion of Mary: [Back on Friday 12th Jan.](#)

Friday Lunch Club: [Back on Friday 12th Jan.](#)

LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE – Will take place **Sat 24th February 2018** at **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**.

If you are planning to marry this year, please contact the Presbytery to book by the end of January.

ADVENT GIVING TREE & FOOD BANK – Thank you for the 273 gifts for NOAH and the homeless! NOAH also appreciate the non-perishable food you donated. Thanks to John and Anne Jephcott for organising this each year.



“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14

6:30pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas

First Reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

Second Reading: **Acts 13:16-17,22-25**

Psalm Response: **I will sing for ever of your love, Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world, and the saviour of the world will be our king.**

Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-25**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

MIDNIGHT – Mass during the Night

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Second Reading: **Titus 2:11-14**

Psalm Response: **Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.**

Gospel: **Luke 2:1-14**

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

9am – Mass of the Dawn

First Reading: **Isaiah 62:11-12**

Second Reading: **Titus 3:4-7**

Psalm Response: **This day new light will shine upon the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.**

Gospel: **Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

11am – Mass of the Day

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:7-10**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 1:1-6**

Psalm Response: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.**

Gospel: **John 1:1-5,9-14**

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.