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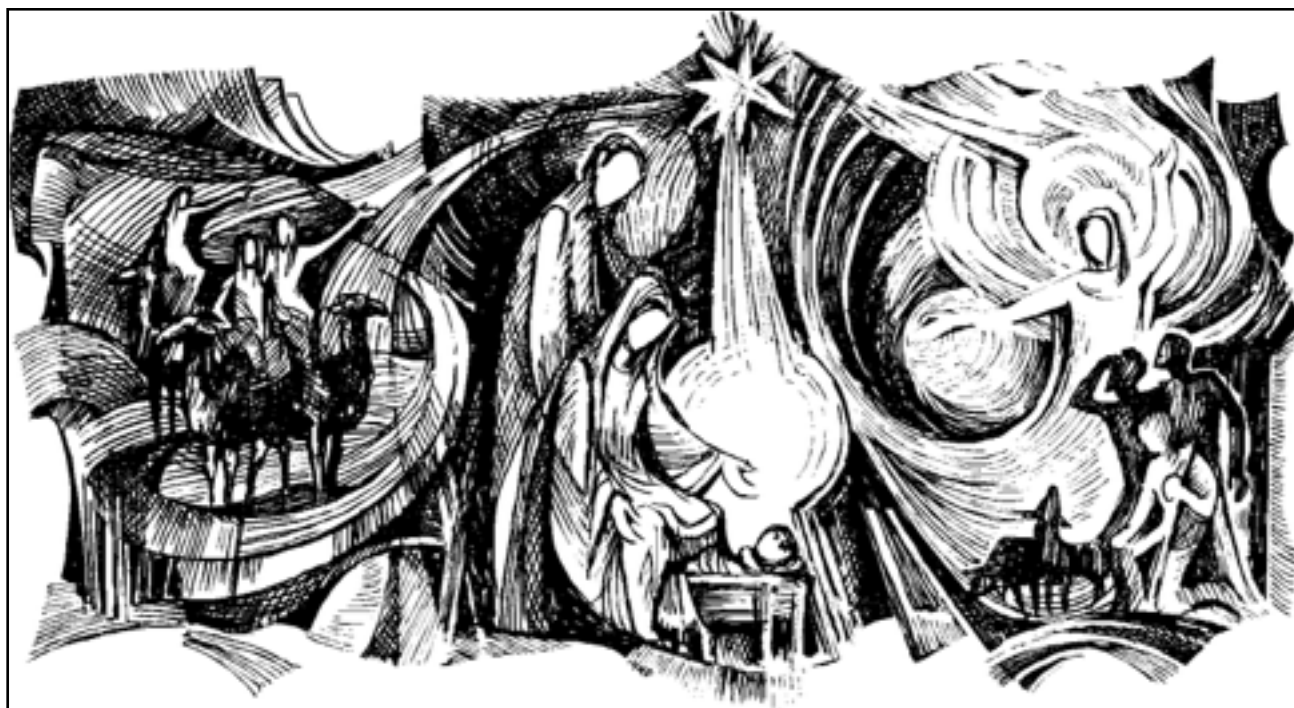
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THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, SON OF MARY, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD



Christmas Season Begins

MONDAY:

Christmas Eve

MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST at 10.30pm

TUESDAY:

CHRISTMAS DAY

SOLEMN DAY MASS OF CHRISTMAS at 10.00am

WEDNESDAY:

Feast of St Stephen, Deacon, First Christian Martyr

Adoration at 9.15am **Morning Prayer** at 9.45am **Mass** at 10.00am

THURSDAY:

Feast of St John the Apostle and Evangelist

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Mass at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: *Feast of the Holy Innocents (Day of prayer for all child victims)*
Adoration at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr (1118-1170)*
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 4.30-5.00pm only

SUNDAY: **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
PARISH MASS at 10.00am

MONDAY: *New Year's Eve*
Adoration at 9.15am *Morning Prayer* at 9.45am **Mass** at 10.00am
WATCHNIGHT MASS at 10.30pm, followed by *Parish New Year Party*

TUESDAY: **FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Adoration at 9.15am *Morning Prayer* at 9.45am **MASS for Peace** at 10.00am

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop Theologians (4th C)*
Adoration at 6.30pm **Evening Mass** at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus*
Mass at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY:
Adoration at 8.30am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am
Requiem Mass for Mary Baccus RIP at 11.30am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

Fr Richard, Deacon Jack and Joan, and Henry our student

Want to assure you all of our Special Prayer for you and yours this Christmas.

We wish you and those you love every Joy and Happiness this most Blessed Christmas.

You are especially remembered at the Eucharist.

A Special Word of Welcome to all Visitors to our Parish this Christmas.

In particular to any friends who are not Roman Catholics ...

We value your presence with us as we worship together Our Saviour Jesus Christ

On this Feast of Endless Love!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham, served by Canon Desmond Millett, Parish Administrator Mrs Maeve Opie and all their community.

CHRISTMAS DAY: [1] With amazing joy we celebrate this wondrous day of Mystery - the **Mystery of Love made Flesh**, God stooping down in the Divine Littleness of the tiny Child who carries all creation in His infant Heart. Men and women everywhere! Know your sublime dignity, that now our humanity carries the Divine, is capable of infinite love and endless life. How can we ever fear this God who comes in the vulnerable poverty of Bethlehem's Christ Child? Or ever diminish another human person whom we know is filled with Divine Presence? Forever the world at its very heart, in its utter depths, is changed! ALLELUIA!

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[2] ***Come and pray the New Year in with our Watchnight Mass New Year's Eve Monday 31st December at 10.30pm - bring some food to share!***

NEW YEAR'S DAY: [1] We celebrate on **New Year's Day**, the **Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**. The Council of Ephesus, 431AD, made the first solemn pronouncement of the Church's doctrine in regard to Mary - giving her the title 'Theotokos' - bearer of God. It did so less to honour Mary and more to preserve and proclaim the fundamental doctrine that Jesus was truly God and truly Human. Mary is the model disciple, God's teacher to God's People on how to be true and loving disciples of Jesus. Let 2018 be a Year of growth in Missionary Discipleship!

[2] Held by most of the Church as the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**, Mass will be offered for the Peace of the World - that the terror, conflict and brutal wars of 2018 might give way to an era of Peace and Reconciliation: courage is making Peace rather War!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - next week

Env: £ + Loose: £ + SO's: £90.58 = TOTAL £ - thank you

WORD OF GOD FOR OCTAVE AND DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday	Midnight Mass	Isaiah 9: 1-7 / Ps 95 / Titus 2: 11-14 / Luke 2:1-14
	Dawn Mass	Isaiah 62: 11-12 / Ps 96 / Titus 3: 4-7 / Luke 2: 15-20
	Day Mass	Isaiah 52: 7-10 / Ps 97 / Hebrews 1: 1-6 / John 1: 1-18
Wednesday		Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59 / Ps 30 / Matthew 10: 17-22
Thursday		1 John 1: 1-4 / Ps 96 / John 20: 2-8
Friday		1 John 1: 5-2: 2 / Psalm 123 / Matthew 2: 13-18
Saturday		Colossians 1: 24-29 / Psalm 22 / Luke 22: 24-30 or Matthew 10: 28-33
Sunday		Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14 / Psalm 127 / Colossians 3: 12-21 / Luke 2: 41-52
Monday		1 John 2: 18-21 / Ps 95 / John 1: 1-8
Tuesday		Numbers 6: 22-27 / Ps 66 / Galatians 4: 4-7 / Luke 2: 16-21
Wednesday		1 John 2: 22-28 / Ps 97 / John 1: 19-28
Thursday		1 John 2: 29-3: 6 / Ps 97 / John 1: 29-34
Friday		1 John 3: 7-10 / Psalm 97 / John 1: 35-42
Saturday		1 John 3: 11-21 / Psalm 99 / John 1: 43-51

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS For those not using Offertory envelopes, there are some 'Christmas Offering envelopes available today for the Christmas Offerings. The Collections at Christmas and Easter are your personal offering of financial support for your parish priest, and makes up a major part of his annual 'wage'. Thank you for your generosity.

COME AND CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER! As for the past few years, there will be a **New Year 'Watch Night Mass' at 10.30pm on 31st December**, praying the New Year in. This is the Diocesan Year of Prayer - we need to pray for our war-torn world, for our polluted Earth, for our refugee and asylum-seeking sisters and brothers - and for our won families and parish family! Much to pray about as we enter a New Year - a New Hope! Following the Mass and greeting the New Year in the name of Christ, there will be a bit of a party in the Hall - you are invited to bring some food to share. I do hope many will come especially as this is our 170th Birthday Year.

CRIB OFFERINGS As always, these are gifts that support the work of our outstanding **Diocesan Children's Society**. With their offices in Pennywell Road, they are indeed a part of our parish! Please pray for their work, give generously, and pray for more adoptive parents to come forward - **could you be such an adoptive family? Contact tel: 0845-122-0077.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th Dec **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.30pm**

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25th Dec	CHRISTMAS SOLEMN MASS OF THE DAY at 10.00am
31st Dec	New Year's Eve Watchnight Mass at 10.30pm (agape after)
<u>NEW YEAR 2019</u>	
1st Jan	FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEARS DAY 10am Mass
4th Jan	Requiem Mass for Mary Baccus RIP at 11.30am (St Nicks)
6th Jan	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
6th Jan	Senior Citizens Christmas Mass at 3.00pm, followed by Tea
12th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session One 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
13th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday
13th Jan	Night Shelter Volunteers Training at St Nicks, after Mass until 3.30pm
15th Jan	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
16th Jan	First Eucharist programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4.00pm (Assisi Cent)
18th Jan	First Reconciliation programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4pm (Assisi Cent)
19th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Two 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
20th Jan	United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.00pm (St Nicks - 170 event)
26th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Three 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
27th Jan	Commissioning & Re-commissioning all Lay Ministers of Eucharist at 10am Mass
27th Jan	Annual Mission Appeal - this year by the Comboni Sisters
30th Jan	East Bristol Deanery meets at 6.30pm
6th Feb	Training Day and Evening on Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (St Nicks)
15th Feb	Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick at 7.30pm
23rd Feb	Borderlands Trustees meet 11am to 4.00pm
26th Feb	Bishop Declan celebrates 170 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm
6th March	ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS

Christmas Thanks

- + *to all who have worked so hard throughout the year preparing the Church*
- + *to all who clean and decorate with flowers the Church each week*
- + *to all working in the sacristy, preparing the Crib etc*
- + *to all who help celebrate the Liturgy - choir, organists, altar servers, Readers, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, Welcomers and liturgy planners*
- + *to all who give time to pray and who serve our community all year round*
- + *to all who serve the many Ministries and Missions of our parish family*
- + *to all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ in this wonderful community!*

To express my gratitude, I have bought you all as a Christmas Gift, a variety of CAFOD World Gifts.

JOURNEY OF FAITH We will have a two week break and next meet on **Friday 4th Jan at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre** to explore our Catholic Christian Faith, and preparing brothers and sisters for Sacraments of Initiation. Why not join us and deepen your faith.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES - CALLING ALL PARENTS! **First Eucharist Programme begins on Wednesday 16th January 2019; First Reconciliation Programme begins on Friday 18th January** - both at 4.00pm and both at the Assisi Centre. There will also be a meeting for all parents in the Eucharist programme on Wednesday 16th and for parents of Reconciliation programme on Friday 18th January - both also at 4.00pm at the Assisi Centre.

SENIOR CITIZENS EPIPHANY MASS As part of our parish initiative for the Jubilee Year of Mercy we will hold a quarterly Mass and Tea for our elderly and housebound parishioners, beginning on **Sunday 6th January at 3.00pm**. We will need help with transport so volunteers please! Also with arranging tea - sandwiches and cakes etc. This is part of our desire to expand our care for and valuing of our elderly parishioners. Please support.

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