

any. Don't forget you still have many days during which in check-out queues and lifts and on buses to wish each other Happy Christmas! (On Christmas night towards midnight I donned my dressing-gown and journeyed to the manger in the delightful crib-display on the front lawn at St Charles, and greet the loud lads celebrating the saviour's birth with hash & Heineken. They asked if I *had had* a happy Christmas . . . I offered Christmas greetings and wished them safe journey - to Egypt or further; and finally got to sleep).

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** at the back of church you can find material connected with SPUC's campaign against abortion & the white flower stickers. Please feel free to support its campaign with donations in the marked basket.

**LITTLE CHRISTMAS** Children coming to Mass at BB next Sunday are invited to participate in our Epiphany celebration. Please arrive a little early (from 9am) in time to decorate a crown to wear during the offertory procession. As part of the offertory children are also invited to bring the baby Jesus a gift - a drawing, a prayer or other item of their choice. These can be brought from home or made before mass. After Mass children and their families are invited to stay for some coffee and cake and Christmas companionship.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** Heartiest thanks to all who have laboured to make our churches look wonderful for the Christmas season.

**THE TURN OF THE YEAR** On Wednesday we journey, by God's providence, into the New Year of 2020. On New Year's Day we honour Our Blessed Lady with the solemnity of the Mother of God. We may fittingly seek Our Lady seat of wisdom's intercession for our land and our world into the new year.

**CRIB DONATIONS** When you visit our cribs here and there, please note that donations will be sent to the Holy Childhood mission charity, to help needy children in Catholic parishes in the developing world.

**PARISH TOTES** Many thanks to those who support the parish in our totes. Last weekend we had the second 'Big One'. Congrats to the winners; huge thanks to those dedicated parishioners who administer the totes.

**COMBINED PARISHES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** The draw took place at St Charles last weekend. Twenty generous prizes were on offer. A huge enterprise; a delightful display - and a generous take-up. Many thanks to the helpful hands who caused the tickets to be printed, then sold, then folded, then counted, then drawn, then recorded - for prizes so generously given. The winners-list is found at the back of church.

**ST PETER'S RC SCHOOL** in Stalybridge is seeking a practising Catholic teacher to interview for headship-appointment. They ask us to cast the net through the newsletter to seek interest. Telephone Phil Murphy on 07842 595 603 with any helpful thoughts.

**CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE** Thank you for all your cards, greetings & gifts, received at the rectory during this holy season.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I give you my heart & my soul.*



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

*THE HOLY FAMILY (a)*  
*29th December 2019*



# CHRISTMAS

5pm (GAM) B&E Laidlaw RIP

Sun 29th  
THE HOLY FAMILY

9.15 (BB) BB/GAM care group ints

11am (HAD) dec'd of Canniffe family

## Let us imitate Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Mon 30th	<b>Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas</b> 9.30 (HAD) Josie Couban RIP (MR)	
Tues 31st	<b>Seventh day in the Octave of Christmas</b> 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Robinson	
Weds 1st Jan	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Solemnity)</b> 9.30 (HAD) Annie Chambers RIP (fam)	
Thurs 2nd	<b>St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen (memorial)</b> 9.30 (HAD) Philip Glannon RIP (M&KH)	
Fri 3rd	<b>Christmas Feria / The Holy Name of Jesus</b> 9.30 (BB) Celina K's ints	
Sat 4th	<b>Christmas Feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Chris Brookes RIP (M&KH) <i>10.30 (HAD) Confessions</i>	
Sun 5th	5pm (GAM) J&M Gavan <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Gertrude McSherry RIP	

**HOLY FAMILY**     Psalter Week 1

**Introduction:** We look to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for support and example.

**First Reading :** **Ecclus 3** : The family is there for the support of the afflicted & needy.

**Resp.Ps.** O BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS!

**Second Reading :** **Col 3** : Christians, through baptism, are one in the family of Christ, speaking to each other words of forgiveness.

**Gospel :** **Mt 2** : The flight into Egypt

**MONEY MATTERS - Last weekend's collections**

<b>Hadfield</b> Envelopes - £125.80 Loose plate £82.44 SOs £259 Total £467.24	<b>BB/GAM</b> Envelopes £227.60 Loose £97.57 SOs £208 Total £533.17
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**RECENT TOTE WINNERS**

**HAD :** £100 J Midwood     £80 Fr Don     £50 J Ashton  
£40 C Wardle     £25 S Tetlow

	Upcoming duties:		5th Jan : Epiphany		
	<i>READER</i>	<i>B PRAYERS</i>	<i>E MINS</i>	<i>TEA</i>	<i>MUSIC</i>
<b>GAM</b>	D Norton	D Norton	CN	Set up AC	
<b>BB</b>	A Wood	T Travis	PN SB	Maree	Kate
<b>HAD</b>	M Watson	A Black	JB AH	GC	var

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

*Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:*

Philip Love, Mary Perry, Peter James, Adrian McHugh, Fr John Cairns, Fr John Sullivan, Sheila Doyle, Pauline Anderson, Annette Scullion, Marion Robinson, Eileen Berry, Phillippa Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Nella Lewykyj, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

*Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time :* Canon Peter Wilson, Canon Bernard Mooney, Fr Patrick Kearney, Fr Jeremiah McGillycuddy, Fr Robert Woodbridge, Fr Daniel Reid, Teresa Woolley, Edward Boyle, Dennis Clayton, Yvonne Morris, George Langton, William Gray, Hilda Normyle, Leonard Judge, Kitty Ball, Tommy Nelson, Celina Klimczyk:

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord : May they rest in peace : Amen*

**PARISH NOTES**

**THIS WEEKEND** we join the Holy Family as they journey into Egypt-exile, and delight in the fact that the Father entrusted His Son into Joseph and Mary's loving care.

Next weekend we come to Twelfth Night, and the celebration of the Epiph-