

25th December 2016 to 1st January 2017

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Scripture Reflection

As we celebrate the feast of Christmas, it is not a bad idea that we should reflect a little on how we are going to receive our Lord.

We can learn something from the trip Mary took, already expecting to give birth to our Lord, to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is already pregnant with St John the Baptist.

Elizabeth greets our Lady with humility: why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? which is also a response of faith in just who this child is in her cousin's womb. And the unborn child leaps in her own womb, for joy, says St Elizabeth.

Humility, faith, joy. These are three excellent inspirations for us to have as we approach Christmas. Humility because of our unworthiness that God himself should take our human nature in order to save us. Faith, because that is the response to God's invitation, the thing that makes sense of all this. And joy because of the sheer wonder of the thing.

It is always said that children understand Christmas better than adults—though that is really when you can get their minds away from presents. It needs a simplicity, a faith, and a directness that is foreign to adult cynicism. To simply understand the goodness of God, his generosity and love—well perhaps this is what our Lord meant when he said that we must become like little children if we wish to see the Kingdom of God.

May God grant us all this faith and simplicity. Our children spend most of the year learning from us; perhaps just for now, we can learn from them, and gaze on the Christ Child with love and trust.

Of his love and mercy mild

This the Christmas story.

And O that Mary's gentle child

Might lead us up to glory!

At this time of year, I would like to send you all my affectionate greetings: it seems extraordinary that this is now my third Christmas with you. Thank you yet again for having made me so welcome. I do hope that you and your families have a truly wonderful time, renewing your love for each other and also renewing your faith. May God bless and keep you this Christmas and for ever.

Parish Office - The Office is now closed until Wednesday 4th January 2016. All voicemails and emails will be saved until then.

10:45 Mass Teas and Coffees

There will be no teas and coffees on Christmas day or New years day.

Also we are looking for people to join the Teas and Coffees rota. This is a valuable service . At the moment you will only be required once every two months.

If you interested pleased contact Mark Fanthome at
mark@fanth.freemove.co.uk

St Chad's Catholic Primary School - vacancy

Alverston Gardens, London SE25 6LR

Telephone: 020 8771 3470



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this will not be accepted.

Closing Date: 22nd January 2017 – midnight Shortlisting

date: 24th January 2017 Interviews: 31st January 2017

A&B Justice & Peace Assembly 2017: 'Am I A Good Neighbour?' - Globalisation and the Fair Society' with Bishop Richard, Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies and Jenny Sinclair on Saturday 28 January, 10am-4pm at Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. To book a place email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or book online on the Diocesan Website.

Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting: The Diocese invites you to a Formation Day on Saturday 11 February 2017 Christian Education Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP with Austen Ivereigh, Papal Biographer, Coordinator and Co-Founder of Catholic Voices and a contributing editor for Crux. The day begins at 9.30am (coffee and registration from 9am). Ends at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome to attend. You can book online or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or email: communications@dabnet.org

New Years Eve Party 8.00pm - 1.30am

STILL A FEW TICKETS AVAILIABLE. BOOK 

NOW! Bring your friends and family to

celebrate the New Year. Professional

DJ and finger buffet £10.00 per adult,

£5.00 per child (up to 14 years) £25.00 family ticket (2

adults and 2 children) £40.00 group ticket (5 adults) Tick-

ets available after 10.45am Sunday Mass or contact

sue.fanthome@gmail.com



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound:

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Sheila Hepplewhite.

Collections

The collection today is for your Parish Priest, Fr Seán. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, everyone (standing order and weekly donors) please use the blue Christmas envelope. Thank you.

Thank you

Thank you to all those involved in the various services, celebrations, flower arranging, reading, welcoming and ministering. It takes a lot of work to pull some of these events together. We are all so grateful to you all for making our Christmas preparation and celebration so special. If you would like to get involved next year or at any other Parish event please get in contact with the office. There are many little jobs or big jobs that would benefit from your help.

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - The Redshirts: Young peo-

ple in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the [A&B Lourdes Website](#)

Health & Safety

Please remember to take care walking around the Church and Halls over the festive period as leaves can be slippery underfoot. In the event of ice or snow every effort will be made to grit and clear the drive and car parks. Masses will continue as normal.

We welcome Fr Stephen Dingley from St John's Seminary who has been celebrating some of the Christmas Masses with us.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £898.09 (Gift Aid £400.31)

Second collection - flowers: £587.61 (Gift Aid £155)



THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday 25th	<i>Christmas Day</i>
9:00am Mass	In Thanksgiving (Jimmy & Sue)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	NO MASS
Monday 26th	<i>St Stephen</i>
10:00am Mass	Jean Intentions (Ruby)
Tuesday 27th	<i>St John the Evangelist</i>
10:00am Mass	Hilda & Rodney Peck RIP (Wood family)
Wednesday 28th	<i>Holy Intentions</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Margret Sore RIP (Peter & family)
Thursday 29th	<i>St Thomas of Canterbury</i>
10am Mass	James Barrow RIP (Barrow family)
Friday 30th	<i>The Holy Family</i>
7pm Mass	Fina Dunne Ints (Jimmy & Sue)
Saturday 31st	<i>Day 7 of Christmas Octave</i>
10:00am Mass	Fr Frederick Broomfield RIP
Sunday 1st	<i>Mary Mother of God, Solemnity</i>
9:00am Mass	Christopher Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Agnes Quinn RIP

*Father Seán & the Office would like to wish you all
a very
Prosperous & Happy New Year!*

CONTACTS

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)
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St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
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Sunday 1st	<i>Mary Mother of God, Solemnity</i>
9:00am Mass	Christopher Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Agnes Quinn RIP
Monday 2nd	<i>Saints Basil & Gregory</i>
NO MASS	-----
Tuesday 3rd	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
NO MASS	-----
Wednesday 4th	
NO MASS	-----
Thursday 5th	
NO MASS	-----
Friday 6th	<i>Epiphany</i>
NO MASS	-----
Saturday 7th	<i>St Raymond of Peñafort</i>
NO MASS	-----
Sunday 8th	<i>Transferred Feast of the Epiphany</i>
9:00am Mass	Peggie Druery Ints (Ruby & girls)
10:45am Mass	Ron Horton RIP
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish