



LITURGY

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12

Response to the Psalm: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world . Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-18



Dear Parishioners

Hope fully with the onset of the vaccination programme life will slowly improve over the coming months. Hopefully by Easter we can return to church as normal. Any hope of this happening will, of course depend, on us continuing to live by what seems to be the never ending rules and regulations we are sent via the government and the diocese. Here at St. Mary's we have followed those rules to the letter. We have limited space, but we have always done our best to fit in as many people as wanted to come and to keep you safe. This I believe we have achieved. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Lin Rea and I would like to thank her publicly for all that effort. I would also like to thank our volunteer stewards, without whom we would be unable to celebrate Mass, they too have played an important part. **With this in mind, we really could do with the help of a few more volunteers to act as stewards, but you must live in Tier 4 and not Tier 3, such as Redditch. Hopefully, we can see the end so will ask for any assistance up to Easter in the first place. Please contact the parish office by phone or email and let me know if you can help.**

I would like to take the chance of wishing you all a
Very Happy New Year
God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB

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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



2nd Sunday after Christmas (B)

Week commencing Sunday 3rd January 2021

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Masses

Sat 2 nd Jan	5pm	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Margaret and Tim Butler RIP
Sun 3 rd Jan		2nd Sunday after Christmas	Private Intention
Mon 4 th Jan			
Tue 5 th Jan			
Wed 6 th Jan	7pm	Epiphany	Brenda Clarke RIP
Thur 7 th Jan			
Fri 8 th Jan			
Sat 9 th Jan	5pm	Baptism of the Lord	Tony Gibbs RIP
Sun 10 th Jan		Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present

in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things

and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You

now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori



How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat. We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.