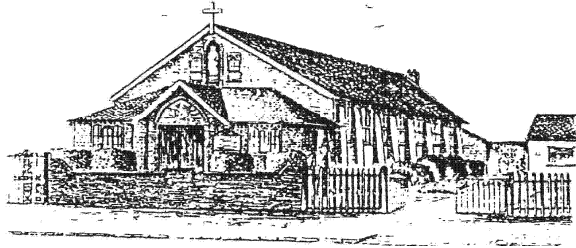


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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2009 - THE HOLY FAMILY

CHRISTMASTIDE WEEK 1

Day of special prayer for protection of human life

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Maureen Hobbs

Friday: **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR'S DAY**

11.00am Private intention

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2010- EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMASTIDE WEEK 2

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Mary Ginns

MASSES: Private intention, Deidre Dalton (ints), Margaret Monaghan, (ints), Sr Justine (ints), Private intentions

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

INTENTION OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR JANUARY: **General:** That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith. **Missionary:** That all Christian Churches give authentic witness to the Good News and move toward the full unity of all Christians.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin, Fr David and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, and Fr Terence Makings.

**WISHING YOU PEACE AND JOY
AND MANY BLESSINGS IN THE
NEW YEAR 2010**



*May Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our
Mother, enfold you in her love and care now and
throughout the New Year
Father Peter & Deacon John*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Last week we prayed for **Fr Con Moynihan**, who was critically ill; he died on Wednesday morning 23rd December. Fr Con was parish priest at Christ the King Church, Alfreton, Derbyshire. He will be received into his church on Tuesday 5th January at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass will be the following morning at 11.30am. More details next week. We also pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr Denis Hough**, who died on Thursday 24th December following surgery on a brain tumour. Fr Denis had been parish priest at Oadby for a year until stepping down last year through ill health. We commend them both to the Lord that he will reward their faithful and loyal service in his church and welcome them into eternal life. **May they rest in peace.**

Please also remember in your prayers **Miss Dorothy Morris**. She was the long-time neighbour to Edward's Church and also the previous presbytery. She was found dead on Sunday evening. Her cremation service will take place at Gilroes on Thursday 31st December at 10.30am. **May she rest in peace.**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Canon Bowman Short, Maria Crane, Arthur O'Hare, **Bishop Eric Grasar (Vicar General Nottingham, Bishop of Shrewsbury)**, David Edwards, Fr Francis Murray SCJ, Isabel O'Callaghan, Percy Casey, Canon Peter Wilson, Jimmy Power, Bernard Timmonney, Fr Patrick Kearney, Noel Heaps, Canon Bernard Mooney, **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

NEW YEAR'S DAY – is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. The New Year begins by celebrating the feast of Mary Mother, who gave us her Son to be our Saviour. As the New Year begins let us start the New Year by coming to Mass to celebrate Mary's feast and pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be with us to guide us and strengthen us in the year ahead. We pray especially for **peace on earth.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £211.25. Loose – £52.75. **Total - £264.00. Thank you!**

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION: Next Parish Quota collection will be taken **Sunday 17th January** during the Communion hymn.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – collection came to **£129.42. Thank you.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 7.00pm** in the presbytery. As always the meeting is open to all. At this meeting we hope to plan a diary of events for this year. Please come and give us your support and ideas.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Would parents of children, who will be eight years old during this present school year, and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next June, please collect a form from me as soon as possible. So far there are 2 candidates. The closing date for entering children for First Holy Communion this year is 4th January. Classes will be during term time in the Presbytery, beginning the first full week of term in January 2010.

FAITH IN FAMILIES BOXES Please bring your box for emptying and give to Margaret Parker or leave in the sacristy - all the boxes in before the 10th January.

2010 WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal on **Sunday 10th January**. In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society opposes laws and public policies

that violate innocent human life such as abortion, euthanasia, research on human embryos and anti-life sex education. SPUC also provides trained speakers for its educational work to promote the pro-life message in schools and colleges across Britain and Northern Ireland, plus a range of pro-life support services for those in need. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS 2009 - What a wonderful celebration it all was. I am mindful that these things do not just happen without a lot of work and effort being put in. So I thank all those – flower arrangers, crib erectors, cleaners, servers, readers, musicians led by Angela, and Anne Gee Won on the organ and all the rest – who made our celebration of the Lord's birth so prayerful and joyful. Our Christmas carol service was nicely attended and the children got us into the Christmas mood as they told the story of baby Jesus' birth through the carols, readings and the tableau which all came together. Well done to those who lead our children's liturgy. I think the party and refreshments were enjoyed by all, especially the children. Many thanks indeed to you all!

FIND THE JOKER - **Bridget Hourihan's ticket was drawn and she picked Grid A3 – 2 of Clubs Prize money now stands at £75.50.** So thank you very much for all who support the "Find the Joker" fundraiser. Many thanks also to Angela for running it with Keith and various helpers from time to time. It appears to be a fun way of raising funds with the tension rising from week to week as the cards grow less in number and the prize increases in value! It raises the same amount for the parish, So a great help. Thank you all.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS At this time of year when we all receive many Christmas cards, please bring the used postage stamps, leaving about a half inch border of paper, and put them in the box in the porch. They can be used for the missions and our charity.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS for SHELTER [Caring for the Homeless.]

MARY GINNS RIP: Her nephew Tony writes: "*I and my family wish to thank you, Rev Deacon John and the parishioners of St Edward's for making my Aunt Mary's funeral such a memorable and heart-warming occasion. We shall always look back on that day with gratitude towards to you all for commemorating Mary's life and the contribution she made towards the happiness and support so many of us, during her long and charitable life.*" See notice board.

PARISH MINISTRIES	27th December	3rd January
Ministry of Welcome:	Margaret McCay	Young People
Ministry of Reader:	Mary Teresa Gibbs	Catherine Gee Young
	Charles Sweeney	Molly Jones
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	P Vaughan, M Parker	Young People
Church Cleaning	K Moore, C Sweeney	
Tea/Coffee	Margaret Mc & Chris	Angela & Liz
Flowers	Liz & Joanne	Charles & Volunteer
	Not needed	Margaret M

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PARISH MINISTRIES: Thank you to those who have volunteered for ministry. If you feel you can help by doing a ministry, then please come forward at any time