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PARISH SCHOOLS: St Mary's Primary School (455309) : St Margaret Clitherow Primary School (835370) : St Peter's Catholic College of Maths & Computing (453462)

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Sat 27th (6.30 pm)
Sun 28th (9.30 am)
(11.00 am)
(12.15 pm)
Mon 29th (10.30 am) St Thomas Beckett
Tues 30th (10.30 am) St Eugene
Wed 31st (10.30 am) St Sylvester
Thurs 01st (11.30 am) NEW YEAR'S DAY
Fri 02nd (10.30 am) (No Evening Mass)
Sat 03rd (6.30 pm)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

(Daily Mass time is 9.15 am except
where otherwise indicated)

ST ANDREW'S

Sat (6.30 pm) Elizabeth Egan (Anniv)/Matty & Alice Murray
Sun (9.30 am) People of the Parish/David Smith (Anniv)
Mon (10.30 am) Margaret & Patrick McGurk
Tues (10.30 am) Sheila Fiddy/Brian Taylor (Anniv)
Thur (11.30 am) For all the families of the parish and absent
friends
Fri (10.30 am) Terence Daley (Dec'd)/Alan & Pauline Bagley
Sat (6.30 pm) Mary Foley; Cliff Wilson RD

ST ANNE'S

Sun (11.00 am) Pat Leach's Ints/John & Amy Duffy (Anniv)
Wed (10.30 am) (Catherine Nadir (Anniv)/Donal Hurlly

ST PETER'S

Sun (12.15 pm) Baby Edward James Cross/Michael McCoy

SCHOOL MASSES

THIS WEEK: SCHOOLS ON HOLIDAY

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(for those who would like to prepare for next week's
Liturgies) will be as follows - Feast of the Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3
Hebrew's 11:8. 11-12. 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

Feast of the Holy Family (28.12.08)

First Reading:
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:
He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40



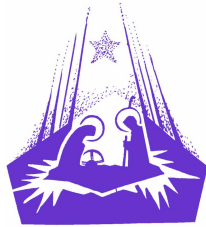
*Your prayers are requested for all the sick
and housebound of the parish and those
in hospital and nursing homes -
remember also those with care of them.
Please also check the 'Prayer Intentions' board
at the back of church.*

WEEKLY OFFERING

came to: - £1515.67 - Thank you
TOTE: - G P I Two shares @ £35

COUNTING TEAM -

28 Dec: Team 'D' next weekend Team 'A'



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today reminds us to thank God for our own families and to pray for broken and dysfunctional families. Mary & Joseph and Jesus were not without their own struggles and tensions and anxieties. God's greatest work is carried out within our family; this means there can be no better school for us to grow in holiness and mature. Jesus was born into a family where there was joys and sorrows and tensions so today thank God for your family. It is in the family that we learn to love, to pray and to serve.

A Pastoral Letter from our Bishop will be read out at all Masses this weekend

CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON, NOT A DAY

the twelve days of rejoicing continue this week.

WEEK DAY MASSES

Please note the weekday Mass time of 10.30 am except for New Year's Day at 11.30 am.

THANK YOU

Firstly thank you to all who helped to make Christmas special in our churches; especially cleaners and flower ladies, ministers and servers, sacristan, children and sidesmen. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Secondly many thanks from Sr Cecilia & Sr Maria for all the cards, presents and greetings for Christmas. May you receive all the blessings, joy and peace of Christmas and assuring you all of remembrance in their prayers throughout 2009.

Thirdly from Joe and again many thanks for all the presents, the numerous cards and good wishes received.

PRAYER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Bring your children and say a prayer for your family:

*We pray for our families and friends
May Lord Jesus who was born in a stable
Teach us the way of gentleness and peace.*

*May this Christmas time be one of Love and sharing
And gratitude for the love God gives us
Through so many people.*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Again, over 40 Mass Intentions have come in, Thank you. Some these will be sent to other priests in the Diocese. Be assured that your Masses will be celebrated for loved ones.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, 1st January - Mass for New Years Day at 11.30 am. (Adoration 11-11.30 am for world peace.)

GLASS OF BUBBLY (Well nearly!)

Join us for a glass of wine after New Year's Day Mass to welcome the New Year.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cliff Wilson; Baby Isabel Swales (16 months)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tom Stevenson; Miriam Millington; Mary Foley; Les Bennington; Brian Taylor; Bill, Mary & David Hudson; Rob McDonald; Joe Mullen; Sheila Fiddy; John Flynn; Catherine Nadir; John Bandeira.

MASSES RECEIVED

Catherine Nadir; Donal Hurley; Josef Jurkiewicz; John Flynn; Joe Mullen; Tom, Anne & Michael Mullen; Mullen/Flynn Family; Isabel Swales (2); Charlie Traynor; Raymond Trainor; Holy Souls; Margaret & Patrick McGurk; Mary & Fred Kennedy; Bobby & Nancy Hardy; Alan & Pauline Bagley; Cliff Wilson (7); Mary Foley; Sheila Fiddy; David Smith; David Swan; For a Lady; Brian Taylor; Mary Craig & Family; Family Intention; Baby Edward James Cross; Leo Murray; Pat Leach; Kate & Ned Finn; Con Martin; Barry Pickering.

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Christmas is more than gifts and cards, decorations and parties and snow or turkey and mince pies, Christmas trees and Santa. Christmas calls us to Bethlehem to look at the world through the door of the stable. God's presence is with us, within us. Emmanuel 'God is with us'. God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son who shows us how to live and how to die. Unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given. This is what Christmas is all about. Let us bow and bend low and humble ourselves with faith and love - let us gaze upon him in the Bethlehem Crib.

PARISH CALENDAR

Some extra copies of the parish 2009 calendar are available £3.

300 CLUB

New members always encouraged and welcome. It costs £12 a year, which you can pay in advance, or £1 a month. Please collect forms for 2009 from the back of church. Please return as soon as possible.

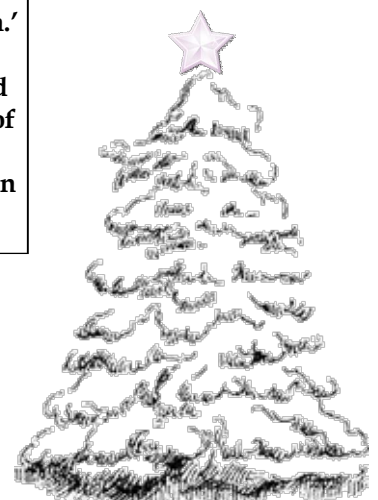
Sunday Smile Good King Wenceslas rings up a local pizza restaurant to order a pizza.

"Certainly your majesty" says the manager "will it be your usual? *Deep pan, crisp and even?*"

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Gate of the Year
I said to the man that stood at
the gate of the year:
'Give me a light that I may
tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied:
'Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the hand of
God. That shall be to you
better than light and safer than
a known way.'

As we begin a new year
there is hope that it will be
a good year for all of us.



*Wishing everyone
a happy and peaceful
2009*

