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Sunday Christmas Day
25th December 10.00 am Mass

Saturday Seventh Day of Christmas
31st December 9.30 am Mass

Sunday Mary, Mother of God
1st January 10.00 am Mass

A Christmas Message from The Clergy to all parishioners

Dear Loving Friends,

Christmas is the season for the family. It is the time of the year when all the members of the family need to be together to celebrate Christmas, the Birth of Jesus. In our Parish we pray together as one big family, and as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, we are called to become truly present to each other as members of this one family. As we reflect back over this year, after the long COVID difficulties, we are deeply grateful to Jesus for all the blessings received in many ways, especially through Liturgical Services, Charitable and Voluntary activities. Above all, our unity and the familial nature of our parish are the greatest blessings of God that we have received. We can all call one another sisters, brothers and friends because of your presence, dedication and hard work. I thank you each and every one from the bottom of my heart for your continued presence and support of our parish. Amid all the many difficulties in our life and our time, hope prevails, "for to us a child born" (Is 9:6). We pray for you all in the Holy Eucharist. Lord Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, come and bless us and all who are in need of your love and hope. We wish you a joy and hope-filled Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year. We can live each day in 2023 grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God".

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fr. Antony James

Rev. Robert Shakesby

Notices

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456. This also applies over the holiday period - he will be visiting the hospital on Christmas Day.

Next World Youth Day

In August 2023, the Pope will meet young people in Lisbon for the next World Youth Day. It is hoped that a group from the Diocese will travel with Bishop Terry from 31st July - 7th August to join in this wonderful event. If anyone, aged 18 - 35 by August 2023, would like to go to Lisbon, please contact Fr Philip Cunnah to register your interest by email at: frphilip.cunnah@rcdmidd.org.uk, and to receive further details.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

Prayer for Ukraine

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

God of peace,
your prophet Isaiah promised swords
would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary
proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:
deliver them from fear, violence, attack,
injury, destruction and death;
and give them courage, solidarity,
and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion
for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict,
and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death
because of our hatred,
and rose again
because our hatred is never stronger
than your indomitable love.

Amen.

Prayer sent by Missio