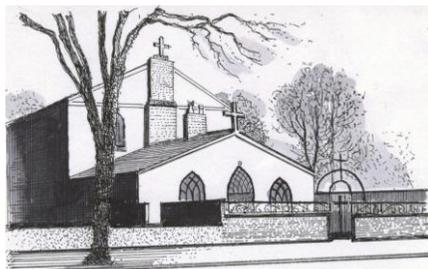


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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

31 DECEMBER 2017

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Harriet Ross
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30 am	Sheila Davies
Monday	Noon	John Graney
Tuesday	Noon	Molly Rimmer
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00am	John Mulholland
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Harriet Ross
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30 am	Brian Hurley

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No confessions until further notice
Meditation	Meditation Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team D

Tina Bradley Pat O'Neile Anne Edwards John Petford

GENEROSITY

Once more I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of this parish. Once more you have given generously to the collections and I'm aware that there were two collections, one after the other. Yes, and generous to a fault with me personally and for this I am truly grateful. May God bless and reward you all. My niece sent me a plaque that said 'forgive me father for I have ginned. How did she know about you all.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I keep thinking about the Christmas message God sent us through Rachel at the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. What a blessing to be reminded that if we see the wonder of the fairy tale we can take the future even if we fail... even if our church goes on fire.. Yes we do have a dream, a song to sing to help us cope with anything. So true. And my destination makes it worth the while, pushing through the darkness, still another mile. It certainly had been DARK over the last seven months. May we never lose the wonder.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND

The Irenaeus Project are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 11th and 20th June 2018. For the first part, staying in the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting all the Holy places. Then moving to Galilee, and the areas associated with Jesus' ministry. There are a few places left on the Pilgrimage. The cost will be in the region of £1800 with a single room supplement. For further details contact The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk That is the pilgrimage I went on 18 months ago that had such a profound effect on me.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or maybe becoming a Catholic then read the message below. If you wish to find out more about our next program for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching; please contact Fr. Dave as soon as possible with your name and details and stating your wish to find out more. The next course will be starting in the new year and the parish RCIA team will support participants as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. The course reaches a wonderful conclusion when people are welcomed through baptism, confirmation and communion at the Easter Vigil. Even if you have received one or more of these sacraments before, and you wish to explore your faith more deeply let Fr. Dave know.

COLD

Apologies. I am streaming with cold. Don't seem to be able to shake it off. So still think it advisable not to visit the sick and housebound. I assure you that you are not forgotten especially in prayer.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

'God Knows'

And I said to the man who 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."
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

Dave and the deacons wish you and yours a very Happy New Year