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**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS** – Mrs Jill Harris and Mrs Kathryn Sargent

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Year B**

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 26th	5-00PM	People of the Parish	Feast of the holy Family
Sun 27th	8-30AM 10-30AM	Coyne and Gibbons Families deceased Amy and Ted Baker	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Holy Innocents
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	12-30PM	Intentions of Dympna Devenney	St Thomas Beckett
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9-00AM	Angela, Papani, John and Erma Toni	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	9-00AM	Carlton Wrigley	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9-00AM	James and Elizabeth Harnick	Mary, Mother of God
Sat 2nd	10-00AM	Intentions of Cross Family	St Basil and St Gregory
	5-00PM	Mura Ruddock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas
Sun 3rd	8-30AM	Intentions of Una Walker	
	10-30AM	People of the Parish	

**PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 105 OF THE MASS BOOK**

**All offerings given (except Gift Aid) at our Christmas Masses will be for Fr Philip.**

**Christmas offering envelopes are available in the porch if you wish to use one.**

**The Crib Offerings this year will be for Friends of the Holy Land.**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Eileen Redmond, Catherine Pedersen, Jackie Bradley, and Olive Price

Christina Beamer – Funeral Service on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, at 12-30pm at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Under Tier 3 restrictions all Funerals are restricted to 30 attendees – Attendance is by family invitation only.

**CONFESSIONS** – Fr Philip is also available to hear confessions after any Mass. Please ask the stewards.

Christmas is a time of great joy and celebration, despite our current trials and tribulations. The Church encourages us to reflect on the way in which our lives are changed if we allow Christ to be born in us.

The Feast of the Holy Family became a universal feast of the Church after the Great War. Benedict XV (Pope 1914-22) wished to promote and encourage family life, which had suffered greatly because of the first World War, and hoped to nurture a deeper understanding of the family as a place of spiritual formation and holiness.

Today, when so many families are suffering because of the pandemic, let us pray that they may find hope in this beautiful feast – that they may turn again to Our Blessed Lord, be inspired by the love and faithfulness of Our Lady and St Joseph, and seek a deeper connection with them through an active faith, sustained by daily prayer and the sacraments.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed next week (28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> January)

**VISITING THE CRIB** – Church will be open between 10-30am and 11-30am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December should anyone wish to visit the Crib in Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlotte Sherwood & Richard Waters who were married last weekend. Please keep them in your prayer.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM THE SOWER MAGAZINE AND PARISH 2021 DIARIES** – Are available at in the Church porch. The Diocesan Directory 2021 will be on sale this weekend for £3.00

**CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVANCE NOTICE: RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - January 2021**

Please visit the “what’s on page” on our website for further details.

**MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE FOODBANK** – 2020 has brought a huge change in how we operate at Replenish, with no clients allowed in the building, pre-packed food and toiletry bags, smaller volunteer teams and of course social distancing. Through the pandemic, we have been so blessed by the increase in donations, both food and financial, received through road collections, church congregations and many individuals in our local community. Our client base has grown and changed with the rise in job redundancies, but we are still able to offer help with debt, council tax, rent and benefit issues through local agency referrals. Seeing disheartened clients return with smiles on their faces, is what makes Foodbank so rewarding. Without all our donors, like you, we could not do what we do. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and support for us throughout this difficult year. Thank you so much for allowing us to use your building especially throughout lockdown. With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, many thanks from Joy and all the team at Replenish.

**FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK.** - We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortages this week - SMALL PACKETS TEABAGS, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, e.g., Fray Bentos Pies, Corned Beef, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), LONG LIFE MILK (1L cartons), TINNED POTATOES or INSTANT MASH. WASHING-UP LIQUID, DEODORANT. Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank especially in the time of uncertainty for many.

**PARISH DONATIONS** – Any donations to the Parish will be allocated to fundraising for the refurbishment of our parish centre toilets. Thank you for your support.

**Missio.Red Box Collections 2020** - Thanks to all those who have kindly donated to the Mill Hill missionaries, either in the Red Boxes or via direct debit. The total this year from the boxes was £3390.50 (before gift aid). Many thanks also to the promoters who have so kindly done the collections in this very difficult year.