

Christmas Celebrations

We remember those for whom this day brings work, not relaxation;

Those who work in the essential services.

We remember those for whom this day brings separation rather than family meeting:

Students, visitors, immigrants and refugees from overseas; people from our own country who are abroad.

We remember all those who this day brings sorrow rather than joy;

The sick and dying at home or in hospice or hospital;

Those who have fallen through the net of social care;

Those driven from home by obsessive addictions,

Those with painful memories of loved ones who have died in this last year, of better times when life was sweet and for all who feel isolated and lonely.

May the birth of Jesus move us from prayer to action.

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Masses Times for Week beginning Sunday 25th December 2016

Christmas Eve	6:30PM	Vigil Mass	Special Intention
Christmas Eve	10PM	Midnight Mass	
Christmas Day	10AM	Mass	Parishioners
Mon	10AM	Mass	Helen McGrath
Tues	10AM	Mass	Fiona Doyle
Wed	9AM	Mass	Fred Buck
Thu	9AM	Mass	Frank Andrew
Fri	9AM	Mass	November List
Sat	10AM	Mass	Private Intention



Your prayers are asked for the sick: Pedro Ballester Jr, Anne Jensen, Vaneeta Dhoat, Marjorie Morris, Paul Williams, Brian Standing

Anniversaries: James Stamper and Frank Lobley

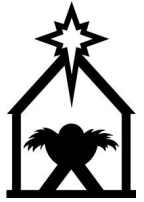
Recently Deceased: Terence Every, McLaughlin and Alice Hart (funeral 27th January at 11.30am)

DAY	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Prayers
SAT 24th	Edna Gibson Grace Buck Dolores Omand Margaret Buck	Alison Ashworth Geoff King	K or H Stew- ard
SUN 25th	Lilly Sivanandarajah Mar- garet Boland Jim Sharkey Tim Bird	Eileen Gilhooly An- drew Cartwright	Gill Turner

This Week's Birthdays:

Jeannot Houston, Drew Bailes-
Johnson, Grace Flanagan

FROM FATHER JIM: *'I wish all Parishioners a very happy Christmas. This is a time that offers us an opportunity to reflect on how blessed we are. For our faith which assures us that we are precious to God, who became one of us. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and to rejoice and give thanks for the strong, faith community that is St Aelreds. May it continue to grow and be a place of welcome for all that come here from any part of the world. A joyful and blessingful Christmas to all of you'.*



Action by Christians Against Torture have thanked the Parish on behalf of the prisoners to whom we have sent 120 cards and the donation of £28 surplus we made from the card sales.

Friends of the Holy Land: Encouraged by Bishop Marcus once again this year there will be a collection at our crib on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land, and especially those who live Bethlehem who are facing such hardship particularly as a result of the separation wall which surrounds the town. For a very interesting video about the work of this charity. <http://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/>

Silver Singers (Catholic Care) - Singing Group for the Over 60's – The next session will be on Thursday 12th January, 10.15 -11.30am at St Aelred's Parish Hall. Everyone welcome, singing for fun, no previous musical experience required! Singing, refreshments and time to chat. For more details please contact Rachel on 07739 975021.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION—Next Sunday is new year's day. We will be having a new years celebration in the hall after Mass. We invite people to bring along some food and drink for a shared table. Please deliver these items to the hall before Mass and join us in welcoming in the new year with fellow Parishioners.

Message for Red Box (Missio) holders: Many thanks for your continued generosity through the year. If you have not yet received a 2017 Missio Calendar, please collect one from the back of church.

Save the date: Family Fun Night Sat January 21st in the Church Hall, refreshments included. 7.30pm—10.00pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Community—Begins on Wednesday 25th January. As before we will pray in each others Churches during that week, more information to follow.

Diocesan Directories 2017—on sale now in the shop £3 each

Church Cleaners— We are in need of more volunteers for Church cleaning. You would only need to clean just once a month. Please let John Cornforth know if able to help on 01423 886828