

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 27 December 2009

Saturday	6.00pm	Sam and Pauline Hussey.
Sunday	8.30am	Parents of George and Margaret Reid RIP
	10.30am	Frank & Maureen Panther.
Monday	10.00am	Chris Hussey RIP.
Tuesday	10.00am	Sheila Nelligan
Wed'day	10.00am	Noreen Murphy (Intention).
Thursday	10.00am	John Patrick Verling RIP.
Friday	10.00am	George Green RIP.
Saturday	No morning Services	
Saturday	Vigil Mass:	
	6.00 pm:	Sally Hall and Family
Sunday	8.30am	Maureen Reid RIP
	10.30am	Karen, Jim Barrett and Family.

Mass and events beginning 28 December 2009

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 1.

Monday	28	Mass of the Holy Innocents.
Tuesday	29	Mass of St Thomas of Canterbury
Wed'day	30	Mass of the Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas.
Thursday	31	Mass of Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas.
Friday	1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
Saturday	2	No morning Services
Sunday	3	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Mass not celebrated in the Parish Church

Phoenix family.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

- 4:** The end of Christmas School holiday.
- 6:** 10.15 School Mass of the Epiphany.
- 10:** White Flower Appeal at All Masses.
- 12:** Meeting of the Parents of Confirmation candidates.
PACT Meeting at Holy Trinity Church Crookham
- 16:** 10 -2.00pm First Communion Children's preparation.
- 17:** Enrolment of First Communion children at the 10.30 Mass.
- 18:** 7.30pm RCIA Meeting. Theme *'Models of Church'*.
- 20:** 8.00 Meeting of parents of First Communion children.
- 24:** Parish Annual General Meeting – after 10.30 Mass.
- 31:** Feast of Saint John Bosco.

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There are a few copies on the table in the Narthex. Please put money in little collection box nearby. **Price: £3.00**

CRIB COLLECTION

Our Diocese has decided that the Crib Collection this year will be to help the 41 Christian Schools in Israel, Jordan and the West Bank. Please give generously .

Flowers for Christmas

Thank you very much for your very generous contribution towards the flowers for Christmas. You gave the magnificent amount of £230 without any previous reminding.

THANKS

Christmas is a time when we thank God for sending his Son into the world to be our Saviour. We rejoice at the greatest event in human history. Needless to say there are innumerable people to whom we are indebted, especially for their contribution in making Christmas and the Parish special. I am truly grateful to Maureen Panther and all the members of the choir who put in long hours of practice to make our Christmas very special. Of course one extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to Chris and Fran Butterworth for providing music for the Children's Mass and Mrs Kate Licence who played the organ at the Christmas Day Mass. We must not forget the altar servers and Mike and Teresa Palmer who look after them so well. Our cribs are very attractive as always and our thanks are due to Elizabeth McConnell, John Loader and Sharon Gallagher The crib in the Narthex has a very special appeal.

As always the Children's Christmas Mass was exciting and enthusiastic. I thank the Catechists and their helpers who did such a wonderful service. The young catechists were very active in proclaiming the good news. It is really encouraging to see young people participating in our celebrations. May I also thank all those involved in the Mass and Disco held on the evening of Saturday 19 December for the younger age group in the Parish. Thank you very much.

As always our Flower arrangers did a magnificent job – Elizabeth McConnell, Christine Wilson, Bunny Carvalho, Margaret Bartlett, Chandra O'Connor, Tina Loader and Sarah Henderson. Thank you.

We are very indebted to those parishioners who quietly and efficiently keep our Church clean and beautiful – Mary and John Power, Christina Levanzin, Frank and Maureen Panther, Margaret Tabbener, Noreen Murphy, Anne Bushnell, Wendy Green, Cathy Raggett and those I have forgotten!

We remember, too, the Home Groups who prayed for us during the season of Advent. A special word of thanks to Deacon Paul Page-Tickell the inspiration of them..

Let us pray for the Sick

Mary Brady, Minnie Buck, Val Ryan, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Joan Schieder, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book**.

Thank you all very much for your cards, good wishes and gifts received at Christmas. They are much appreciated. May I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year. Fr Dan.

David Pearce RIP

The Requiem Mass and funeral of David will take place at the Church of St Swithun's in Yateley on **Thursday 29th December at 12.00 noon.**

Christine Hopkins RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine, Claire Hilder's mother. We extend our condolence not only to Claire but Christine's husband and all the family. The Cremation Service will take place at the Aldershot Park Crematorium on **Tuesday 5 January at 11.00am. May she Rest in Peace.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Josephine Newman, Tomie Morley, Charles Geraghty, Rosanna Bunker, Cecilia Pearce, Hanna Chapple, Francis Martin, Kathleen Hartnett, May Hickling, Charles Harding, Mrs Devaney, Alice Barnard, Edmund Agar, Jane Fearnley, William Lannon, Edith O'Reagan, Maureen Reid.

May they Rest in Peace