

**The Parish of St Joseph Monks Kirby**

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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Reg Charity No. 234216

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**The Baptism of Christ- 12<sup>th</sup> January**

9:15am Parish Mass

Parish website- [www.monkskirbystjoseph.org](http://www.monkskirbystjoseph.org)

<p><b>Masses and Liturgy this week</b></p> <p>Monday- 6:30pm Mass</p> <p>Tuesday-10am Mass</p> <p>Wednesday-No Mass today</p> <p>Thursday – 6:30am Mass</p> <p>Friday- 6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm – Mass</p> <p><b>Confession-</b> After Mass on Monday this week or during exposition on Friday.</p>	<p><b><u>Important Finance Matter-</u></b>From the beginning of this year the diocese has changed the way it levies the parishes. Every parish is levied to support the central work of the diocese and those it employs, and to support the work of Catholic schools. In 2019 our levy was calculated as 24% of first collections. Only. In 2020 our levy will be at 28% of almost all our income (collections, house, fundraising). This will be significant for us as a parish.This is not something we can alter. All parishes are in the same situation. Many, like ourselves, will find this a challenge. The diocesan financial year is the calendar year. Over the next few months our 2019 accounts will be finalised, submitted to the diocese and gone over by our Finance Committee. They will be presented to the parish as usual, later in the year.</p>
<p><b><u>Mary's Dowry-</u></b>England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard 11 dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. And so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady.</p> <p>On 29 March, 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. We prepare for this by praying the Angelus after each Mass and encouraging parishioners to use this prayer in their lives.</p>	<p><b><u>Union of Catholic Mothers</u></b> New Year meal for members and friends (ladies only) at The Old Lion Friday 17th Jan Contact Shirley to book on.</p> <p><b><u>UCM AGM</u></b> NB CHANGE OF DATE Friday 8th Feb at 7:30 at St Joseph's. All women with any connection to the Catholic Church are welcome to come along. (No need to be Catholic or a mother!)</p> <p><b><u>Mass Intentions-</u></b> Thank you for those who have booked Mass intentions. Please insure that only one intention is booked per day and write the word Mass after it in the book. A Mass offering should then be passed to Fr Matthew or Liz.</p>

