

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

taken at our Christmas Masses is the traditional Christmas Offering for our Parish Priest,  
Fr. Paul Lomas

Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer, smart phone or lap-top at the exact time.



Song as we light Advent Wreath candles  
(Tune—Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and clear;  
a candle of hope that *Emmanuel's* near.  
The ancients foretold God's love comes through a birth;  
a baby is bringing **Salvation** to earth.

The Funeral Service for Frank O'Hare will take place after the festivities on Thursday 7th. January 2021 at 11 am followed by burial at Atherstone Cemetery.



**COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.**

### ST. BENEDICT's primary academy

Fr. Paul wishes to acknowledge and thank the head teacher and staff of the school for the wonderful work they have done with the children to celebrate Christmas, under very difficult circumstances. We are always thanking the NHS, but please make sure the teachers are appreciated as they have been on the frontline throughout the pandemic.

## SORRY THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THE

### CHILDREN'S

### CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS, but when you come as a family to one of the four masses, please remember to visit the



Christmas Crib and that all your donations at the Crib are forwarded to the Diocesan Children's Society to help them in their great work supporting needy families.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND are asking for our support as Christmas approaches. This is for their Emergency Family Support Appeal to help individual named families both in the Bethlehem District and in the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Every penny donated will be sent to the families. See poster at the back of church for more information or visit their website [www.friendsoftheholand.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholand.org.uk)

### **Flowers in church for Christmas**

If you would like to donate money to purchase the Flowers, please place in an envelope marked 'flowers' and place on collection plate at the back of church. Thank You.

## Sick & Housebound

### Prayers for Sick and Housebound:

*May the communion we share today, with the members of our Parish Family who are at home, or in hospital, remind us to live for one another, and give them a sense of belonging to our Family, and to this celebration.*

Are you or a member of your family or friends going in hospital? If yes please make sure that you inform Fr. Paul or the hospital chaplain so that they can receive Holy Communion when in hospital. If you would like to bring Christ, in Communion, to a sick or housebound relative or friend in your bubble, please call Fr. Paul on 07973239942 or 01827736286

### CHURCH CLEANING AND THE PREPARING OF THE TREE IN CHURCH

It has been suggested that we can gather after mass on Tuesday morning (22nd) around 10.30 am to give the church its pre-Christmas sprucing up. Then after we can place **the tree** on the font and decorate it and erect **the crib** ready for Christmas Eve. (no hanging garlands this year)





**Reflection** *God's Great Secret* - perhaps this is the last chance to pause and reflect before the day itself, so these may be very precious moments for us. It is good that this morning we hear this most memorable of the Gospel stories. It tells us how the greatest event of all time took place at a particular date in history, in the midst of a particular people. Above all it took place in the person of a particular woman, a real woman who could be "deeply disturbed", who could feel afraid and yet have an unbreakable trust in God, an overwhelming desire that God's plan should be fulfilled.

God has become one of us, in the unborn child in Mary's womb, God's secret is being disclosed. He has entered into our humanity and our history. Mary invites us to follow her example, to put our lives at the Lord's service. "You see before you the Lord's servant; let it happen to me as you have said." Mary the perfect Advent model, gently says: "Seek a little silence, be still and ponder in your heart". If we do we shall be taken by surprise; we shall be ready to receive him who is our friend, our brother, our long-awaited Saviour, the revelation of God's great secret.

**Fr. Paul and Andrea pray that you will all have a safe and most blessed time this Christmas.**



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr B)

**VIGIL MASS** 19th December 2020 4.00 pm  
**SUNDAY MASS** 20th December 2020 9.30 am

Sunday 20th **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Mass 9.30 am Parishioners  
 Monday 21st in fourth week **NO MASS**  
 Funeral Service of Winifred Bernadette Clarke 1.30 pm  
 Tuesday 22nd in fourth week Mass 10 am Francis O'Hare RIP  
 Wednesday 23rd in fourth week Mass 10 am .  
 Thursday 24th **Vigil for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord at Mass at 5 pm & 8 pm**  
 Intentions 5 pm children of parish & 8 pm Stanley Fernandez RIP  
 Friday 25th **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Mass 9.30 & 11 pm**  
 Intentions 9.30 am former priest of parish & 11.30 am Private Int  
 Saturday 26th **Feast of St. Stephen, protomartyr** Mass 10 am Deacons of the Diocese  
**Feast of the Holy Family Vigil Mass 4 pm** Families in difficulty  
 Sunday 27th **Feast of the Holy Family Mass 9.30 am**  
 Parishioners

It is the usual custom in the parish that the Christmas Offering is made to Fr. Paul in thanksgiving for him being our Parish Priest. Please use the blue envelopes provided, or an envelope of your own with Christmas Offering written on the front. Thank you for your generosity.



**Fourth Sunday**

Next Week— **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**VIGIL MASS (26th) 4.00 pm SUNDAY (27th December) MASS 9.30 am**



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