

**.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.

**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.**

The Funeral Service for Frank O'Hare will take place Thursday 7th. January 2021 here at St.Benedict's at 11 am followed by burial at Atherstone Cemetery.

***Fr. Paul and Andrea thank you most sincerely for the beautiful cards and gifts that you have given us this Christmas season. Also for the Christmas Offering.***

THANK YOU—We would wish to thank those who prepared the Church so it looked so beautiful for this Christmas Season. The ladies who worked so hard to clean the church. They then decorated the tree. Also Vicki Heath who did the floral arrangements for the window ledges and the two flower displays in the sanctuary. Fr. Paul also wishes to thank Andrew who works tirelessly to keep the church looking festive and his dad in the right place at the right time.

Please remember to visit the



supporting needy families.

***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***

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

They 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.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**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**

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

## Reflection *The Christmas Problem*

Once upon a Christmas Eve, a man sat in reflective silence before the fireplace, pondering the meaning of Christmas. "There is no point to a God who becomes man," he mused. "Why would an all-powerful God want to share even one of His precious moments with the likes of man? And even if He did, why would He choose to be born in an animal stall? No way! The whole thing is absurd! I'm sure that if God really wanted to come down to earth, He would have chosen some other way." Suddenly, the man was roused from his reverie by a strange sound outside. He went to the window and saw a small gaggle of blue geese frantically honking and aimlessly flopping about in the snow. They seemed dazed and confused. Apparently they had dropped out in exhaustion from the flight formations of a larger flock on its way from the cold North to the warmer climes of the South. Moved to compassion, the man tried to "shoo" the poor geese into his warm garage, but the more he "shooed" the more they panicked. "If they only realized I'm only trying to do what's best for them," he thought to himself. "How can I make them understand my concern for their well-being?" Then, this thought came to him: "If for just a minute, I could become one of them, an ordinary goose, and communicate with them in their own language, they would know what I am trying to do." And suddenly ... suddenly, he remembered Christmas and a smile came over his face. Suddenly, the Christmas story no longer seemed absurd. Suddenly, he pictured that ordinary-looking infant, lying in the manger, in that stable in Bethlehem, and he knew the answer to his Christmas problem: God had become one of us to tell us that He loves us.



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Yr B)



VIGIL MASS (26th) 4.00 pm

SUNDAY (27th December) MASS 9.30 am

Sunday 27th	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Mass 9.30 am Parishioners
Monday 28th	<b>Feast of the Holy Innocents</b> Mass 10 am
Tuesday 29th	<b>Feast of St Thomas Becket</b> Mass 10 am
Wednesday 30th	Sixth day of the Octave of Christmas Mass 10 am
Thursday 31st	Seventh day of the Octave of Christmas Mass 10 am
Friday 1st. January	2021 SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD Mass 10 am
Saturday 2nd	<b>Second Sunday after the Nativity Vigil</b> Mass 4.00 pm Parishioners
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>Second Sunday after the Nativity</b> Mass 9 30 am <i>Kathleen Evans RIP</i>



## Next Week— Second Sunday after the Nativity (Yr B)

**SATURDAY MASS** 2nd January 2021 Vigil Mass 4 pm

**SUNDAY MASS** 3rd January 2021 Mass 9.30 am



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