

**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.**

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

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.

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

Please remember to visit the **Christmas Crib** and that all your donations at the Crib are forwarded to the Fr.



Hudson fund to help them in their great work supporting needy families.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

They are asking for our support at Christmas time. 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

TIER 4 FOR

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

As we have entered Tier 4 on Thursday last week, I am sure we did so with a heavy heart and some trepidation. The government has made us aware that the need to do this is important. We need to be ready to endure all that lies ahead.

We can do so with courage and trust that all will be well. We can be grateful that despite the difficulties the Churches are to remain open and that public worship can still take place, thank God. For our spiritual wellbeing we must be grateful and take full advantage that we can gather together to worship the Lord. Please be assured that the church will continue to be open each day for public worship, Mass will be celebrated each day at the times advertised in the news sheet and on the website.

I look forward to seeing you all. With my prayers and best wishes for the new year 2021.

Fr. Paul

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**

THE 2019-2020 GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOW (BELATEDLY) AVAILABLE.

It is hoped that you can collect them from Fr. Paul or he will deliver them for those not coming to mass as yet. He apologises for the delay but the Pandemic wrecked the provision he put in place to prepare them, so he has with John Nolan's help done them now. If you would rather pay by Standing Order then he can provide the necessary form for you to take to your bank. Thank you for supporting your Church.

Reflection The big word for John the Baptist was Witness.

His life's meaning was to witness to Jesus. He would for this Jesus, and knew in the end it not himself, the light that others waited for but Jesus it was . He was glad to be a witness for Jesus.

Being a Christian is being in partnership with Jesus in his saving of the world. Pope Francis says, 'The Church is fruitful, and a mother, when she witnesses to Jesus Christ.' Unless we are in friendship with Jesus and in partnership with him, Christian life is dull, sterile. What Jesus offered was first a relationship with him to John the Baptist, and also to any of his new disciples, and then to work with him.

The message of peace, justice and compassion is as relevant now as it was for Jesus. Pope Francis again: 'We are not a 'religion' of ideas, of pure theology, beautiful things, of commandments. No, we are a people who follow Jesus Christ and bear witness – who want to bear witness to Jesus Christ – and sometimes this witness leads to laying down our lives, as did John the Baptist in the name of the One, he not only knew, but loved.

To want to spread the message of Jesus means wanting to receive it. Eucharist, prayer and reading the gospel are ways of deepening this message in ourselves. Can we say that these three aspects of faith will always be part of our lives? **Then we may become what we receive and read: the body of Christ today.**

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

Sunday 3rd	2nd Sunday after Nativity	Mass 9.30 am	<i>Kathleen Evans RIP</i>
Monday 4th	Christmas feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 5th	Christmas feria	Mass 10 am	
Wednesday 6th	Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord	Mass 10 am	
Thursday 7th	Christmas feria	Mass 10 am	
	Funeral Service Frank O'Hare	11 am	
Friday 8th	Christmas feria	Mass 10 am	
Saturday 9th	Baptism of the Lord Vigil	Mass 4.00 pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday 10th	Baptism of the Lord	Mass 9 30 am	



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Yr B)

SATURDAY MASS 9th January 2021 Vigil Mass 4 pm

SUNDAY MASS 10th January 2021 Mass 9.30 am

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