



# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN CHELTENHAM

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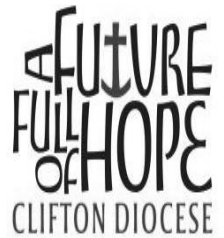
## 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Sunday: Cycle C, Weekday: Year 1, Proper of Season and Psalter: Week 4

### Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

D.P.L: Calne St Edmund/Chippenham Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Priests: Rev Vincent Curtis and Rev Canon Desmond Millett



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<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
5.30 pm (Sat.)	Deceased members of the Mackey Family and Katherine O'Regan
8.15 am	Ann Hookey, RIP
10.30 am	Nelson & Cecile Jocson Thanksgiving 25 <sup>th</sup> W/Anniv.
4.15 pm	Mass In Polish
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent II</b>	
5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas with Crib Service Int: Birthday Intentions
7.30 pm	Mass at Nazareth House
11.30 pm	Carol Service leading into Midnight Mass Int: Mary Harris, RIP
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	
8.15 am	Dawn Mass of Christmas – Int: Bert Brodrick, RIP
10.30 am	Mass during the day – Int: People of the Parish
4.15 pm	Mass in Polish
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr</b>	
10.00 am	Gene Regan, RIP
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</b>	
10.00 am	Martin Gohery, RIP & Neil Jedrzejewski, RIP
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	
10.00 am	Eileen Dowling, RIP
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr, Patron of Pastoral Clergy in England and Wales</b>	
<u>No Morning Mass or Confessions</u>	
5.30 pm (Vigil)	Brendan Herlihy, RIP
<b>PLEASE CHECK WITH NAZARETH HOUSE FOR MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR PERIOD</b>	
<b>PARISH OFFICE:</b> The parish office will close on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 1.00 pm and will re-open on Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 9.00 am.	

**YEAR OF PRAYER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
‘Immediately after the Annunciation Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. After the overwhelming invitation to be the mother of the Saviour it would be understandable if Mary were to focus upon herself and her own well-being but Mary’s first thought is not for herself. Her first reaction is to go and be of service to someone else. ....Mary can teach us about the effects of true prayer. When we encounter the Lord in prayer whether in solitude and silence or during the Liturgy, if it is genuine prayer, a genuine encounter with the Lord, then it will inspire us to serve others.’ (From the diocesan resource for the year of prayer.)

*Welcome to our visitors, friends and families on behalf of this parish community – you are all most welcome!  
May I wish you and your families a very Holy and Happy Christmas and offer you the blessings of the season.  
May God bless and protect you and keep you safe.*  
**Fr Mark**

**CHRISTMAS:** We come to crib and kneel before the image of the infant Jesus. The word infant means literally ‘without speech’. God speaks his word to us silently. Before Jesus says a single word he silently reveals to us the face of God and in the infant Jesus we see that God is humble and gentle. That continues to be the way God speaks his word to us. The Lord silently gives himself on the Cross and in the Eucharist. As we sing in the carol ‘O little town of Bethlehem: ‘How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in’.

**Christmas Offerings:** Traditionally the Christmas collection, along with that at Easter, are the only collections given to the priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the diocese. Envelopes into which offerings may be placed are on the table at the back of the church.

<b>Mass Text</b>	
<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>	Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
<b>FIRST READING:</b>	From the prophet Micah 5: 1 – 4
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Psalm 79 <b>RESPONSE:</b> God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	From the letter to the Hebrews 10: 5 – 10
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia.</b>
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Luke 1: 39 – 45
<b>MEM. ACCLAMATION:</b>	<b>SUNG – Acclamation 3</b>
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

# 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Psalter Week 1 and Proper of Solemnity

Diocesan Prayer Link: Chippenham Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8.15 am	People of the Parish
10.30 am	Varkey Paul, RIP
4.15 pm	Mass In Polish

## Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

No Mass

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2019 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10.00 am	People of the Parish
4.15 pm	Mass in Polish

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January No Morning Mass

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday of Christmas Time

5.30 pm (Vigil)	Health and welfare of Jim and Mary Stevenson
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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8.15 am	People of the Parish
10.30 am	Ann Cross, RIP
4.15 pm	Mass In Polish

‘Today’s Gospel passage invites families to welcome the light of hope that comes from the home of Nazareth, in which Jesus’ childhood unfolded in joy. Jesus, says St Luke, “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man” (2:52). The nuclear family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is for each believer and especially for families an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire the fulfilment of the divine plan to make of the family a special community of life and love. Here we learn that every Christian nuclear family is called to be a “domestic church”, to make the Gospel virtues shine and become a leaven of good in society. The classic traits of the Holy Family are: reflection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity.’ (Pope Francis Feast of the Holy family 2015)

### Mass Text

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**FIRST READING:** From the first book of Samuel 1: 20 – 22, 24 – 28

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 83 **RESPONSE:** They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**SECOND READING:** From the first letter of Saint John 3: 1 – 2, 21 – 24

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2: 41 – 52

**MEM. ACCLAMATION:** SUNG – Acclamation 3

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

✠ **In our Prayers this Week...** Bishop Declan, the schools and parishes of our diocese, the sick of the Parish - in Hospital and our Housebound Community, the Homeless, Destitute and Dispossessed and those in despair.

**IN MEMORIAM:** For those who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

30<sup>th</sup> Catherine Jennings (2009) 31<sup>st</sup> Herbert McMillan (2008) 5<sup>th</sup> January, Anne Eeles (2011)

**BOOK CLUB:** We are now reading “Queen of Katwe” by Tim Crothers and we shall meet to discuss the book on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in the hall committee room over a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome.

### CRIB OFFERINGS

Crib offerings are traditionally distributed to Clifton Children’s Society. CCS offer lifelong post adoption support not provided by Local Authorities, thus ensuring that the families they work with have the best possible chance of overcoming the challenges inherent in parenting a child or children with complex needs. Please place your donation in the basket in front of the crib.

### CHARLTON KINGS FILM SOCIETY

Our next film on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December is ‘The Greatest Showman.’ Hugh Jackman stars at PT Barnham, a circus entrepreneur who promotes unique individuals. A seasonal treat for all the family. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.45 pm. Tickets £5 on the door or season tickets available. For our full season listings see our website [ckfilmsociety.org](http://ckfilmsociety.org) or pick up a brochure. **The film on 11<sup>th</sup> January is ‘The Salesman.’** This Best Foreign Film Oscar winner delivers an emotional thriller with a knock-out finale.

### A CONCERT OF MUSIC BY CHELTENHAM SINFONIETTA

#### AT SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY ON SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY at 7.30 pm

The programme will be music by Bach, Corelli and Biber, with soloists Anthony McNaught -Violin, and Paul Broekman - Trumpet, Cheltenham Sinfonietta, directed by Gordon Busbridge - Harpsichord. *Further details in the New Year.*

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM FR MARK.....

*Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this season, which is Christ himself. May Christ’s peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead may His love warm your hearts may He give you a spirit of wisdom. During the Christmas season many of us will have the opportunity to be with family, to spend time in worship and to reach out in charity to those less fortunate than ourselves. Might these Christmas instincts inspire our resolutions for the year ahead – to spend more time with family and friends; to build our friendship with God; to reach out to the marginalised?*

*With the Lord’s face shining upon us in 2019 we can be more present to each moment, each person, every cry for help, every gifted opportunity that awaits us; every day, every hour, every moment can be truly blessed by the love and presence of God.*