

Parish Lottery Winners

Saturday 23rd December 2023 Week No: 04 Bonus Ball: 44 Thunder Ball: 03
£150 will be divided between: Mr M Preece, M Hartigan, A Maher (each receive £50) Mr Preece was the winner of the Thunder Ball and wins £300 plus his share of the Bonus Ball . Amount to be won next week £50.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre

New Year's Eve: 7pm til late
Live Music The McGraths (tickets £5)

New Year's Day: Closed

Wednesday: Bingo 7.30pm
Thursday: Music Group 7.00pm

The Centre is available for Funeral Wakes, Baptism Celebrations, Charity Events, Weddings, Birthday parties etc.

To book contact Melissa, Parish Centre 07434 667695 or 0121 443 2199 follow us on

<https://www.facebook.com/ololparishcentre>

A Prayer for New Year

Dear Lord, please give me.....
A few friends who understand me
and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be
the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;
A sense of humour;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming
of these things,
With the wisdom to recognise them
when they come.
Amen.

Taken from Intercom magazine Author unknown

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Marie Sullivan and Lorraine Freeman. They can be contacted at: sg.ourladyoflourdes.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.



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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

31st December 2023

Masses this Week

Sat 30th Dec	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Peter Reilly (Anniv) George McDonnell & dec'd of family Paddy Maleady Bridget & Bertie O'Beirne Sr Mary Roache & dec'd of Roache & Tunney families
Sun 31st Dec	9.00am	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Annie & Michael O'Sullivan (Anniv) Patrick Fleming (Anniv)
	11.00am		Patrick Duffy (Anniv) Maggie Maguire RIP Catherine & Patrick Kelly RIP Crehan family Ints Kelly Cassidy 40th Birthday Intention
Fri 5th Jan	10.45am		Requiem: Geraldine Browne
Sat 6th Jan	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Stephen Walsh (Anniv) Ann & Brian Gardiner (Anniv) Kate, John & Bernard McGrann
Sun 7th Jan	9.00am	The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord	Jackie Doyle (Anniv) Jim Kelly (L/D) Philip Taaffe RIP
	11.00am		John Smith (20th Anniv) Noleen Furey Birthday Intention Jimmy Bradley RIP Peter Whitehouse (Anniv) dec'd Whitehouse/Brennan fam Jim McHale (Anniv) Francis Gilligan (Anniv) Richard Mullen RIP (Birthday)

Services Monday - Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am

Mass on Monday - New Year's Day at St Dunstan's Kings Heath at 11.00am.

Saturday 6th January There will be no morning Mass or Adoration.

Confessions on Saturday 5.30pm - 5.45pm.

Retiring Collection next weekend will be taken towards the cost of the Walk With Me booklets.

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Response to Psalm:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.
Alleluia!

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read at all Masses.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord transferred from Saturday 6th.

Thank you Fr Sean thanks you all for your Christmas offerings, cards, gifts etc.

Thank you to all who helped prepare the church for Christmas and to all who helped in any way at the the Christmas Services.

First Holy Communion Preparation will commence with a meeting on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 6.30pm. Communions will be celebrated in June on 8th & 15th. Any children in non Catholic schools need to attend the meeting and also contact Fr Sean.

Donations towards the charity Friends of the Holy Land taken at the Carol Service and Dyson Richards Memorial Service amounted to £351.76. Thank you.

Crib Offerings will go to Father Hudson's Society and Friends of the Holy Land.

New Year's Eve Dance at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre. Live music 'The McGrath's' tickets available £5.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the church. **There will not be a meeting in January.**

Catholic Herald January edition now available at the church porch cost £5.00.

Next Quiz Night in aid of charity Friday 26th January at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Offerings for October

Offertory Collection £5,482.51 of which £1,896.60 is Gift aided.
S/O £2,630.50 of which £2,554.50 is gift aided

Offerings for November

Offertory Collection £4,367.43 of which £1,553.10 is gifted aided.
S/O £2,371.75 of which £2,295.75 is gift aided

Next SVP Meeting will be on Monday 15th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. **SVP Contact number** 07949854349.

Year of Prayer In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer (started this Advent) by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

Every Catholic is encouraged to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray and why they pray. This is for two reasons:

- 1 To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
- 2 For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

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Pray for the sick - Margaret Barron, Pat Berns, Eddie Byrne, Rita Carroll, Giovanna Casserley, Isabelle Chester, Pat Clarke, Jennifer Cox, Ann Desmond, Bridget Doherty, Owen Dolan, Josie Douglas, Michael Doyle, Owen Dunne, Amber Durrant, Noah Edwards, Philomena Egan, Mary (Ria) Finglas, Tom Finnerty, Margaret Flavin, Mary Fleming, Patricia Freeman, Christopher Geraghty, Mary Gilligan, Chloe Glendall, Bryan Grogan, Carmel Haines, Martina Hand, Patrick Harte, Dan Healy, Baby Heyaan Heath, Finbar Herron, Anne Holland, Ray Holton, Norman Hubbleday, Jason Hughes, Marie Hume, Michael Kilgallen, Brian Kirk, Barbara Kopieczek, Maureen Maloney, Adrian Mannion, Mary Mazurkiewicz, Eugene McCarthy, Helena McCaughey, Gemma McGeown, Francis McGillion, Pat McGlone, Kathleen McHale, John McNicholas, Danny Mulholland, James Murphy, John Murphy, Denis Murray, Michael Noga, Siobhan O'Connell, Patricia O'Donnell, Margaret O'Grady, Baby John Thomas O'Neill, Mary Pender, John Quinn, John Shryane, Ian Smith, Simon Spillane, Mary Spratt, Julie Swinscoe, Nadine Terry, Vincent Tierney, Baby Daisy Williams



Lately Dead:

Geraldine Browne (Anita Stone Court) Requiem Friday 5th January at 10.45am
Peggy Byrne (Connaught Nursing Home) Requiem Monday 8th January at 11.00am
Madge Gargan (Barton Croft) Requiem Tuesday 9th January at 10.00am Reception 8th at 6.00pm
Kieran Lavin (Gracemere Crescent) Requiem Friday 12th January at 10.00am Reception 11th 7.00pm
Patricia Connolly (Westridge Road) Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium Monday 15th January at 11.30am
Thomas 'John' Morgan (Selby Grove) Requiem Tuesday 23rd January at 11.00am
Gertrude 'Cecilia' Ward (Westridge Road) Requiem Thursday 18th January at 2.00pm
Kyle Freeman (Dublin - Cousin of Paul)



Anniversaries: 31st Dec - 6th Jan 2014 -2024: Vincent Whelan, Carl Hines, Patrick Duffy, Kitty McGonigle, Robert Burton, Frances Hoccom, Joan Lewis, Ciara Davy, Robert Glynn, Tom Smith, Maureen Moran, Annie O'Sullivan, Teresa Sarapuk, Noel Lenaghan, Greta Fowler, Brian McDaid, Stephen Walsh, Eileen Garvey, Joan O'Shea, Bridget Hetherington, Anne Davis, Ellen McLeod, Mary McDonnell, Irene Rainey

Readers	Weekend 31st December	Weekend 7th January
6.00pm	H Dalzell, E Dalzell	J Silvey, M Moran
9.00am	A Carbery, Z Parker	T Martin, G McCann, M O'Connor
11.00am	S Harkin, P Stephens	E Healy, H Healy, W Ferreira
Ministers 6pm	P Keane, Y Brennan	P Keane, Sr Clarissa
9.00am	A Hunt, T Kenna, P Fitzpatrick	D Ryan, A Okonkwo, D Macaulay
11.00am	Sr Clarissa, B Wood, K Price	Sr Clarissa, P Stephens, R Flanagan
Minibus Driver	No minibus	F Stephenson, B Timmons
Counting	No counting	W Power, T Hickey
Church Cleaning	Thursday 3rd January 9.30am	Saturday 12th January 8.30am
	Team C: J Cunningham, F Rotherham, M Nguyen	Team A: S McGrath, P & C McDonald, A Treacy, C Hayden, E Sullivan

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