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31 December 2017, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year B

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

"He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever."

PLEASE PRAY for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including Michael McCauley, Bertrum Naish, Raymond Domoney, Dominic Swainson, Jim Patten, Michael Wright, Dorothy van Eyken, Thomas Harris and Mary Allen. May they rest in peace.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – THIS YEAR IS A YEAR OF MISSION

We can imagine eyes opened wide and hearts beginning to race at the sight of the simple family of Nazareth coming into the Temple. Simeon recognises God's promise of salvation before him and within his grasp. Anna sees freedom and deliverance in the flesh. They encounter something extraordinary in the ordinariness of a baby and a family in their midst. This Year of Mission calls us to see God in our midst precisely in the ordinary and the everyday, to encounter God in the midst of our own families and, like Anna, to speak of that presence to the world around us... and speak God's love through the lives we lead. Christ is that light to enlighten all men and women. May our mission this week be one to enlighten others with the loving presence of Christ shining through who we are.

SEE IN THE NEW YEAR AT DOWNSIDE

This year Downside is celebrating New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in a special, spiritual way, focusing on Mary, the Mother of God, whose Solemnity is on 1st January, and also on the World Day of Prayer for Peace. The full programme can be found on the poster in the porch, or contact Rina Bird 01761 241289 or email rinabird@outlook.com for more information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Many thanks for those who have enrolled their children for First Holy Communion. If there are any more, then please speak to Fr Bede.

He is also collecting names of young adults 13+ who wish to be confirmed. At the moment, he just needs names and contact details, and will put together the course and the confirmation date. Please contact Fr Bede on bede.rove@cliftondiocese.com

FREE DIARIES AND CALENDARS

There are free 2018 parish diaries available in the porch. They give essential contact numbers, liturgical seasons etc. Please help yourself. Also you'll find a basket containing various charities' calendars. If you would like one of these please do take it, and if you have unwanted 2018 calendars, please recycle them here. Thank you.

LEGION OF MARY

Members of the Legion are happy to visit house bound or lonely people. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let Margaret van Eyken (Tel: 345526) or any Legion member know.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 31 December – 7 January 2018

Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Mass at 9.00am
Mon	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	No Service
Tue	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Mass at 9.15am
Wed	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Service
Thur	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Service
Fri	Weekday of Christmas Time	Mass at 9.15am
Sat	Weekday of Christmas Time	Confessions 11.30 – 12.00, Polish Mass at 4pm
Sun	The Epiphany of the Lord	Exposition 8.15 – 8.45am, Mass at 9.00am

Sunday Mass at St Mary's, Glastonbury, Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am and 6.00pm (Latin).

FROM THE ROTAS

TODAY 31 December

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, D Barnes, C Davies

Coffee Christine Davies, Mary Rymes

THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY : 1 – 7 January

Cleaning Denis and Hilary Barnes

Welcome Denis Barnes

The Eucharist Dcn Richard, F Moreland, C Rossiter

CRIB OFFERING

This year's Crib Offering will be sent to the Good Counsel network, a charity which helps mothers in a practical way who have been abandoned because of their decision to keep their child.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 3 Jan 7pm Legion of Mary meeting in the parish room

Thu 4 Jan 1.45-2.30pm Mothers Prayers in the parish room

Fri 19 Jan 10.00am Fabric and Finance meeting in the sacristy.

INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a deceased relative or friend, or for any other intention, simply place a donation in an envelope (£5, £10 etc), put the details of the intention on the front of the envelope and hand it to Fr Bede. If you wish to send a card to the recipient or their family; Frances Moreland has some Mass cards in her Pathway shop.

FUNDRAISING 2018

Fundraising is an important part of parish life, not just financially, but socially too. In January (date to be agreed) we shall have a little get together to pool ideas for the coming year, so please think about what events you would like to see happen, and better still, what you might be able to help organise. Please let Jacky know if a daytime or evening meeting would suit best.

PARISH ROOM DOOR

There is a problem with the door to the parish room being left insecure. Please be sure to test the small handle of the digital door lock to check as you leave. Please also be aware that the code for the parish room door will be changed on 4th January 2018. Jacky, Fr Bede or Anitra will have the new code.

PIGEON HOLES

Do remember to check your pigeon hole in the church porch for Christmas Greetings, rotas etc.

PLEASE DON'T PARK in the numbered spaces during the week, Monday to Saturday inclusive – these are all rented out now and their users are understandably irritated if their space is taken. Thank you.

Bulletin News Please send any items for inclusion by the Thursday before publication to Jacky Tucker 01749 830695, email: jax.tucker@btinternet.com

Gift Aid it If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435