

### Christmass Tree of Thought

Remembering loved ones at Christmass. The tree is set up in the Church Hall this year and you are invited to donate at least £1 for the Compton Hospice. In return we will put a Bauble with your loved ones name on it on the tree. The Service which had to be postponed will now be held in the Hall today **Saturday 30th December at 4.00pm.**  
**Money Raised - £519.00 of which £173.00 is Gift Aided.**

### New Years Eve Party:

all are welcome to this informal evening from 7.30pm in the Hall. Talk to Mavis Steele or Roger Morgan to find out how this will work out.

### Social Club Events

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January Quiz Night  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February Oompah Band

All tickets from: Carol and John Wardell 01902 671710 or 07770976817.

### For Your Prayers

**Sick & Housebound:** Margaret Aldridge, Canon Matthew Baines, Alan Bamford, Margaret & Cliff Brazier, Bryan Brookes, Lyn Brooks, Vicky Bullows, Martin Chandler, Mac & Len Colbourne, Megan College, John Connochie, Lauren & John Colledge, Beryl Cook, Lyn Cooney, Emily Cousland-Penn, Ivan Crowe, Val Dallaway, Madeline Darby, Joyce Davies, Alisha and Kelly Dixon, Leon Gilson, Lesley Griffiths, Sid Griffiths, Wilf Griffiths, Andy Guest, Joan Halford, Christine Hartshorne, Jenny Hughes, Pat Hulse, Beryl Hunt, Dorothy Humphriss, Eunice Jackson, Karen Jones, Steven Knott, June & John Latham, Joyce & Hal Loach, Brandon Long, Pete Marsh, Helen, Lindy & Mark Massey, Angela Macaulay, Betty Miller, Audrey Norris, Rosemary Oakley, Nathan Parker, Sarah Parker, Kath Payne, Edna Price, Stan Reeves, Baby Isaac Rickett, Hazel Saxon, Bill Shepherd, Gerald Smith, Jacob Smith, Joanne Smith, Pauline Smith, Dorothy Spalding, Marjorie & Ray Stevens, Joan Stringer, Pat & Christine Taylor, Paul Thomas, Les Waldron, Billy & Doreen Ward, Beryl Ward, Carol Ward, Diane Williams, Val & Les Wilson, Brenda Wood.

**Recently Departed:** Roger Brindley, Margaret Roberts, Mark Young (*wife, Joanne; children, Rio & Diesel, Austyn, Devon, Amber*).

**Years Mind:** 31st - Jean Shipley; 1<sup>st</sup> - Henrietta Briscoe, Florence Hubble, Gordon Jones, Lilly Powell, Charles Rumbold, Joan Turner; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ada Hughes; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Louise Hughes, Alice Sefton Parker, Michael Ward; 4<sup>th</sup> - Sidney Hall, Kenneth Priest; 5<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Shepherd; 6<sup>th</sup> - Gordon Jones, Norman Lewis Nunn;

**Wedding Anniversary:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pauline and Denzil Smith;

**Residents in Care Homes:** Doris Barnes (The Firs); Lynda Blakemore (Castlewellan); Mavis Douglass (Park Lane); Pat Eades, (Woodlands); Josie Fiske, Beacon (Centre); Pat Hill (Island Court), Barbara Jones (Oak Court); Pearl Wardhough (Camelot Rest Home); Floss Webb (Lime Tree Court).

**OHMS:** Lee Bullows, Amy Chambers, Ebony Churchill, Ian Day, Greg Dunson, Scott Sabin, Neil Skett, Fr Michael Wagstaff, Craig Ward, Nathan Yates.

*Names in italic print are provided by the Kingswinford Deanery Mother's Union for inclusion in our intercessions. Underlined highlight new or changed circumstances for the reasons of confidentiality no other details are offered.*

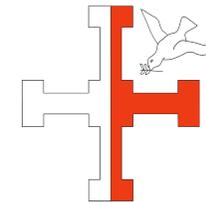
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# St Chad's, Coseley Sunday Bulletin

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 31st December 2017

To Know Christ & make Christ Known through  
Worship, Outreach, Caring & Education



### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> The Holy Family

Worship in the Hall

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3: 3-7, 14-17; Psalm 129 ; Colossians 3: 12-17; St Luke 2: 22-40.

8.30am Low Mass  
10.15am Family Mass

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Mother of God

9.30am Low Mass in the Lady Chapel

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

9.40am Art Group in the Hall  
6.00pm Slim4Good in the Hall  
7.00pm Line Dancing in the Hall

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feria

9.00am Low Mass in the Lady Chapel  
7.30pm Ballroom Dancing in the Hall

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feria

9.40am Art Group in the Hall

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feria

2.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> before Epiphany

9.30am Walsingham Mass in Church

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord

Worship in the Hall

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72 :1-2,7-8,10-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6; St Matthew 2: 1-12.

8.30am Low Mass  
10.15am Family Mass

Key for St Chad's is Available at 3 Oak Street  
Church Hall Hire:

For Hiring the Church Hall - ring Claire Love on Monday or Wednesdays evenings only from 7.00pm - 9.00pm on 07749 888864. I will pass on any Email you send to me on [alan.howes.49@gmail.com](mailto:alan.howes.49@gmail.com)

## Worship Today

### Opening Prayer

Loving God, guardian of our homes, when you entrusted your Son to the care of Mary and Joseph, you did not spare them pains that touch the life of every family. Teach us to rely on your word, that in our trials as in our joys we may be clothed in gentleness and patience and united in love. Make us ever thankful for the blessings you give us through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God forever and ever. **Amen**

### First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6.12-14

Christine Howes

*Theme: He who fears the Lord respects his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm 128

Mary Halford

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

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R;**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R;**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **R;**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21

Paul Love

*Theme: Family life in the Lord.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always,

because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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### Gospel Acclamation: Hebrews 1: 1-2.

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### Gospel: St Luke 2: 22- 40

*My eyes have seen your salvation*

Hear the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## NOTICE BOARD

**Thanks everyone** who worked so hard for our Christmass celebrations. The Christingle was a full church as we have come to expect with **£604.13 collected on Christmass Eve.** I believe numbers were slightly less than last year some confusion coming from the fact that several people had contacted the Vicarage believing that the Church had closed. May I reiterate the fact that we are worshipping in the Hall on Sundays from now on until the weather is milder or we have adequate heating in church. Mid week worship will be in the Lady Chapel after this weekend.