Sacred Heart, Howden and St Joseph & St Thomas, Goole

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

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank you to those who have helped with the Christmas Masses, and with cleaning and decorating our two churches, which look so lovely and festive. Many thanks, also, for your cards and gifts. They are greatly appreciated. Wishing you and your families the peace and joy of the Holy Family, and a holy and happy New Year.

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| *Date* | *Time* | *Place* | *Service/Event* | *Intentions* |
| Sat 30th Dec | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP John & Renee Bressani |
| Sun 31stDec*Holy Family* | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP Alban & Jane Swarbrick, William & Gertrude Riley, Alban & Alma Swarbrick, Arthur & Gladys Bridle, all the Riley family |
| Sun 31st Dec*Holy Family* | 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Mon 1st Jan *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God* | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Tues 2nd Jan | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | All Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors of The Yorkshire Brethren Society |
| Wed 3rd Jan | 10.00am | St Joseph’s |  Mass | RIP Nov Dead List: Aisha Gervais |
| Thurs 4th Jan | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Fr Philip Reece |
| Fri 5th Jan | 10.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP Rawle Gervais |
| Sat 6th Jan | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP deceased members of the Holroyd family, McBeath family and Tidswell family |
| Sat 6th Jan | 8.00pm | St Joseph’s | Polish Mass |  |
| Sun 7th Jan*The Epiphany of the Lord* | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP G Redman |

POLISH MASS is offered on the first Saturday of each month at Goole. The next Polish Mass will be this Saturday 6th January 2018 at 8pm.

*POLSKA MASA jest oferowana w pierwszą sobotę każdego miesiąca w Goole*. Następna polska msza odbędzie się w sobotę 6 stycznia 2018 o 20.00.

Fr Wlodimierz Pajak, 117 Buckingham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel: 01724 855698

SICK & HOUSEBOUND - PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM

Damian Ainscough, Anna Barszcz, Margaret Brodigan, Jean de Bosch, Patience Dare, Carol Dent, Kathleen Evans, Anne Evans, Anne Hayward, Dorothy Kershaw, Anthony Margrave, Joan Marshall, Alma McHugh, Bernard Rook, Michael Ryan, Timmy Ryan, Margaret Scott, Pat Sullivan, Kevin and Catherine Thornton, Lynne Walker and all those who would like to remain anonymous.

SACRED HEART GRAND CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE 2017

Many thanks for all the gifts, and for the lovely hampers, and to all who put the hampers together.

A REFLECTION BY VINCENT RYAN OSB, FOR EPIPHANY

We journey by faith, not by sight. We are like the air-pilot flying his plane by night. He sees nothing outside his cabin. Relying on his instruments, he knows that he is on the right course. Faith too sets us on our course, shows us the way forward.

At times we may lose our direction. The star, which appeared so bright, may grow dim and even disappear. That does not mean we are lost. This obscurity is temporary and serves as a testing of our faith. We should learn from the Magi. When they lost their star they did not turn back. Instead, they sought advice from men versed in the scriptures, who were able to tell them where the Christ would be born. W too should consult with those who, by their knowledge and experience, are able to help us. We need the advice of men and women who really know the word of God. To this must be added our own prayer and patience. Then the star will reappear …

DON’T FORGET to bring food items to the back of St Joseph’s Church and Sacred Heart church for the food bank at Trinity Methodist Church, Goole, and woolly hats for the Apostleship of the Sea.

DONATIONS TO REFURBISHMENT FUND

Cheque donations can be made payable to ‘The Sacred Heart Refurbishment Fund.’ Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The letter of St James, Chapter 5, verse 14: “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

If you or anyone you know is ill, either in hospital or at home, and would like to receive the Church’s ministry in anointing and Holy Communion, please let Fr Nigel know and he will come and visit you/your family and friends.

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| *St. Joseph’s Readers December/Jan* |
| Sat 30th Dec | Mr M McKone | Sun 31st Dec | Mr. M. Brett |
| Sat 6th Jan | Mrs J Head | Sun 7th Jan | Mrs J King |
| Sat 13th Jan | Mr M McKone | Sun 14th Jan | Mr M Brett |
| Sat 20th Jan | Mr K Flynn | Sun 21st Jan | Mrs P Sykes |
| Sat 27th Jan | Mrs J Head | Sun 28th Jan | Mrs R Gervais |

CLEANING TEAM D for Howden this week.

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The magi belonged to a caste of wise men associated with the interpretation of dreams, astrology and magic. They came from the East - possibly Persia, east Syria or Arabia. In later Christian tradition, under the influence of Psalm 72:10, (May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!’) they became three kings and, in the Western Church, were given names - Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior. Matthew includes the wise men in his Gospel because they represent the Gentile world giving homage to Jesus and worshipping him. God guided them to Bethlehem by a star, showing that his will is greater than astral determinism, to reveal Jesus to them as the promised Messiah. The Gentile wise men, unlike the Jewish King Herod the Great, frightened of losing his power and therefor unwilling to do homage to Jesus, were open to God’s guidance and revelation and offered Jesus their worship.

The Epiphany – the manifestation or showing forth of the Lord to the Gentile world – unveils the mystery of Christ to all people. God’s purpose for creation is for all men and women to know and worship Christ, for ‘all things were created through him and for him’ (Col.1: 16) …

We were created to know Jesus and to worship. That is why God, by his gracious mercy, has revealed Jesus to us – ‘the mystery was made known to me by revelation’ (Eph. 3:3) Our vocation is to offer him homage, worship and love. Too easily we are drawn to worship other things – wealth, position, power, pleasure. Yet our goal must be to kneel before Jesus and worship him. We have to confront the things that distract us or prevent us from doing this and renew our commitment to worship Jesus.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for making yourself known to me. I give you my homage and worship. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole world so that many may come to believe in you and know you, and give you homage and worship.*

From Bible Alive

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of parents to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admission cap on new faith-based schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for ‘Catholic Education’ in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION (ST JOSEPH’S CHILDREN)

There will be 3 meetings which the enrolled children and a parent or carer must attend. These will be held on Wednesdays 21st and 28th of February and 7th March 2018 from 6-7p.m. at **St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**, Kennedy Drive, Goole DN14 6HQ. I will confirm the date of the Reconciliation service as soon as possible. Catherine Murphy

PRZYGOTOWANIE DO PIERWSZEGO SAKRAMENT POKUTY I POJEDNANIA

*Odbędą się 3 spotkania, w których uczestniczyć będą zapisane dzieci oraz rodzic lub opiekun. Spotkania odbędą się w środy 21 i 28 lutego oraz 7 marca 2018 r. W godzinach 18.00-19.00 w katolickiej szkole podstawowej św. Józefa,(****St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School),*** *adres szkoły: Kennedy Drive, Goole DN14 6HQ. Potwierdzę termin tak szybko, jak to możliwe.*

Catherine Murphy