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

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4th Sunday of Advent/Year C

 Sunday 23rd December 2018

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Wishing you and all your families and friends a very happy and holy Christmas. The peace of the Infant King and the joy of the Holy Family be in your homes, and with your loved ones near and far.

Christmas Mass times are set out below, and in the parish Christmas cards, which are still available for you to take if you have not got

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| *Date* | *Time* | *Place* | *Service/Event* | *Intentions* |
| Sat 22nd Dec | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun 23rd Dec | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Margaret Miriam Belton (1st Anniv. on 29th Dec) |
| 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | For Danny & Sarah’s unborn baby |
| 4.00pm | Goole Churches Together Christmas Service “Follow the Star” at St John’s Parish Church, Goole |
| Mon 24th Dec*Christmas Eve* | 5.00pm | St Joseph’s | Carols |  |
| 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord | Intentions of Rhoda Lazenby (90th Birthday) |
| Tues 25th Dec*Christmas Day**The Nativity of the Lord* | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | Fr Donal O’Leary |
| Wed 26th Dec*St Stephen* | 10.00am | **N.B. Sacred Heart** | Mass  | Intentions of Fr Eugene McGillicuddy |
| Thurs 27th Dec | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Canon Rodney Marshall (LD) |
| N.B. No Confessions |
| Fri 28th Dec | No Mass. No Confessions. |
| Sat 29th Dec*Holy* *Family* | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | RIP Jim Trodden |
| Sun 30th Dec | 9.30am  | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Deceased parents and relatives of the Brett family |

POLISH MASS is offered on the first Saturday of each month at Goole. The next Polish Mass will be on Saturday 5th January 2019 at 8pm.)

*MASA POLSKA jest oferowana w pierwszą sobotę każdego miesiąca w Goole. Następna polska msza odbędzie się w sobotę 5 stycznia 2019 o 20.00.*

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

Congratulations to VINCENT JAN WASIK and SOFIJA PANINA, baptised at St Joseph’s last Sunday (16th December)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Many thanks to all of you who kindly gave items for the Christmas raffles in both churches, and to those who made up the hampers, and ran the raffles. You will be pleased to know that the amount raised for St Joseph’s Christmas raffle was £240.70p. The total raised for Sacred Heart church was £326.00 which will go towards church repairs.

NUMBERS UP!

A big thank you to Andrea Standring  (and family and friends!) for running Numbers Up throughout the year. It is a regular and much appreciated contribution to our Church repair funds.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND - PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM

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

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 now and he will come and visit your family and friends.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

One of the aims of the recent Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool was to further encourage devotion and prayer to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Thus, from Advent Sunday this year, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on our altars at Sacred Heart and St Joseph’s for an hour before each of the weekday Masses. Thus, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, this will take place at Sacred Heart from 8.45am to 9.45am, and on Wednesdays and Fridays at St Joseph’s from 8.45am to 9.45am. Silent prayer and adoration will be offered throughout. This is the practice in almost all the churches in our Diocese, for which we give thanks to God.

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

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritan’s Purse)

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal. We created 16 boxes which will bring joy to 16 PRESENT vulnerable children. In addition, a spectacular £160 was donated which will mean another 8 shoeboxes can be created and transportation paid for.  You are wonderful people.  God Bless.

CLEANING TEAM C for Howden this week

ST JOSEPH’S READERS ROTA for December, and up to 6th January, is available on the parish website.

CHRISTMAS BOOK FOR CHILDREN

36 copies of *The Animals’ Christmas* have been sold at church and elsewhere. Presuming the last four will be sold sooner or later that means £120 (author’s discount) was raised and donated to Sacred Heart Refurbishment Fund. Thank you.

SACRED HEART COFFEE AND BAKING

Our next Baking Sunday will be 3rd February 2019!!

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018-2020

Arrangements are being made for the next 2-year cycle of preparation for these Sacraments.

The classes will be held at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Kennedy Drive, Goole, on Wednesday evenings at 18.15 hrs. A parent or guardian must attend with the child. These dates are available from October on the Parish website [www.sacredheartstjoseph.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartstjoseph.org.uk) and the school website [www.stjosephscatholicprimarygoole.co.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarygoole.co.uk) Any other queries to Catherine Murphy at cmw1955@btinternet.com

May I also mention that we have places available at St Joseph’s Catholic School for September 2018. We offer a high standard of education and provide Catholic Religious Education.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR 2019 AT ST. JOSEPH'S GOOLE

Classes recommence for the children already enrolled on Wednesday 17th October at 6.15 p.m. at St. Joseph's School. Please remember to bring your " I belong" book. Future classes are; 16th January, 13th February, 24th April, 8th May.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

The draft Admissions Policy for 2020/21 is available on the school website <http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarygoole.co.uk/>

If anyone has any comments they need to make them in writing via this email

admin@stjosephs.eriding.net  by Monday 21st January 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL who came top of the table in East Riding with 100% of the children reaching their SATS target. Well done.

HOME ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas lunch at

The Shire Hall, Howden,

on December 25th at 12.30pm.

Voluntary contribution of £5 per head. More details - 07774 729096 and christmasandcompanyhowden@gmail.com

 “And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.”

*Sigrid Undset*