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29th December 2024 – Feast of the Holy Family

Once again, may I thank everyone for their kindness and generosity over the festive period, and express my gratitude for the support of so many of you who made our celebrations quite special. As the 1st of January looms over the horizon, may I wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year which he has named a 'Year of Hope'. Despite the many problems which currently beset our world, let us pray that we can look forward to the New Year with hope and optimism.

Many thanks for your generous donations to 'Friends of the Holy Land' throughout Advent. This charity is helping those caught up in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Gaza. The collecting box will remain at the back of church until the New Year.

The funeral of Jonathan Roberts will take place on Friday 3rd January at 11.30am. Jonathan was a single man who joined the parish quite recently. I would really like to encourage parishioners to join us for this funeral Mass.

Diocesan Yearbooks are on sale at the back of church. The cover price is £7 but I am happy to sell them for £5. They are a useful source of information about our diocese.

Reference the Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service in Bridgnorth, we have a representative on the committee for these activities. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

Clare James has asked me to thank all her 'Bridgnorth Friends' for their Christmas greetings and good wishes. She asked me to offer a Mass for your intentions.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am David Clent

11.00am Jonathan Roberts

Mon No Mass

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Mass for New Years Day

Thu No Mass

7.00pm Reception of Jonathan Roberts R.I.P.

Fri 11.30am Funeral of Jonathan Roberts

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Kevin Wilkins

11.00am Paula & Maurice Rault

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 5.30pm until 6.00pm and on request.

In December, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: We pray that this Jubilee Year will strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next year on Saturday 21st June at 10.30am. We will begin preparing for from Saturday 1st March. If you have a child aged 7 or older who would like to join us and they are not at St Johns School, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can order enough books.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, cereals, shampoo, dog and cat food, washing up liquid, egg boxes. Please be aware that the food bank cannot accept items that contain alcohol. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.



Mary Mother of God

Feast day 1st January

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Finally..... my New Years resolution is to be less presumptuous and rude to others. I bet yours is to lose weight isn't it?

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