

**ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER
THE BIRTH OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2011**

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MASS TIMES

SAT	24th	Dec	7.30pm	(Church)	Carol Service
			8.00pm	(Church)	Christmas Vigil Mass
SUN	25th	Dec	10.00am	(Church)	Christmas Day
MON	26th	Dec	10.30am	(Church)	St Stephen
TUE	27th	Dec	10.00am	(Convent)	St John
WED	28th	Dec	9.30am	(Church)	The Holy Innocents
THU	29th	Dec	9.00am	(Convent)	St Thomas of Canterbury
FRI	30th	Dec	7.30pm	(Church)	The Holy Family
SAT	31st	Dec	6.00pm	(Church)	Mary, Holy Mother of God
SUN	1st	Jan	9.30am	(Church)	Mary, Holy Mother of God

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners
John Cooney RIP
Sr Gertrude

Peggy Skinner RIP
Sr Thecla Duffa RIP
Gino Di Clemente RIP
Sr Agnes Daly
Sir Marcellius Agwuh RIP

Confessions Saturdays 7pm-7.30pm (Church)

'Praying with Scripture' Group Thursdays 7.30pm (Convent)

 **CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL** 

The Christmas Blessing

God's sign is the Christmas baby, in need of help and in poverty. He does not come with power and outward splendour. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love, so he makes himself a child. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him. Christmas has become the feast of gifts, in imitation of God, who has given himself to us.

Pope Benedict

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

MARIDON CENTRE AND BOOKSHOP

The Centre is now closed, reopening on Tuesday 10th January. It is open on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly from 10am to 3pm. Volunteers to help are still needed.
The Bookshop is open daily Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am until 3pm.
Thanks to all volunteers

SAFEGUARDING: copies of the Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter are available in the porch

MISSALS: all the Missals that you ordered have now arrived. Each has a name on it. Please put the money in the boxes provided. There are extra ones available if anyone would like to purchase a copy.
If, however any more are required, please order from Sr Emma at the Maridon Book Shop ☎321996

DONCASTER STREET PASTOR

INITIATIVE: The dangers to partying youngsters in Doncaster streets and clubs and pubs are well known. Working with the Police and Emergency Services, Doncaster Churches are providing Street Pastors to be on the streets each Saturday evening, engaging with drinkers, providing water, flip-flops, helping get transport home. "As the Church in action on the streets, we will offer care and a listening ear to those in distress. Though the Christian Faith is at the heart of what we do, it is not at the forefront of what we say. Street Pastors is not about preaching, but a practical demonstration of the love of God"

Volunteers are needed either as Street Pastors or Prayer Pastors (who staff the base room and maintain contact and radio links). Training is provided; hours are from 10pm to 3/4am Saturday nights; commitment is a minimum 1 night per month. Further information please see leaflet in the porch

TEA AND COFFEE

There will be no tea and coffee after 9.30 am Sunday Mass until 8th January 2012

PARISH WEB SITE

This has recently been updated and worth viewing and now includes pictures of the Seniors Christmas Lunch and the Christmas Mural painted by St Paul's Youth in Action

First Communion 2012

Children of 7 and over by June 2012 are eligible to receive the sacraments. Please hand in names, addresses and telephone numbers to the Presbytery. The course will start on Sunday 5th February.

FINANCE: The collection last week was £777. Many thanks.

The 100 Club

Lucky winners for Christmas are as follows:-

No. 55	Bernard Marshall	£100
No. 48	Robert Smith	£100
No. 90	Bryan Neary	£50
No.119	Sheila Johnson	£50

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: parents who wish to register their children to attend the school, must apply by January 15th 2012 at the latest

Year 10 – Young Adult

The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMED) are planning a Youth Congress – an exciting one day event to be held on 24th March 2012 at Wembley Arena (details can be found at

<http://cymfed.org/congress/flame/2012/>)

The cost is £14 and St Paul's have reserved 20 places and booking is on a first come basis.

Transport is being arranged by the Diocese but the cost is still unknown.

Details and application forms can be found in the porch or from Fr Bernard or Anne Prior

anne@whprior.freeserve.co.uk

PRAYERS PLEASE: For Sioned Harper, Richard Maye, Matthew Kane, Len & Ellen Newbitt, Millie Binns, Kathleen Pearson, Jean Friel, Gerry Fox and Laraine Henderson, who are sick.