

30 December 2018 - The Holy Family

Christmas Greetings

Very many thanks to everybody for their Christmas greetings and gifts. And to all of you who have given me personal support and encouragement during 2018.

A special thanks to those who contribute to the Christmas ceremonies - church cleaners, flower arrangers, musicians, sacristans, altar servers, readers, collectors and those who prepare the crib and decorate the Church.

Many of you will be aware that there are now several parishes in Leicester that do not have a resident priest. It is quite likely in the year ahead that we will see an acceleration of changes across the diocese. I am sure that in a spirit of faith and co-operation we will be able to rise to the challenges ahead.

On behalf of the Parish, I would also like to thank everybody who contributes to the life of St Peter's, whether spiritually or in other practical ways throughout the year.

Wishing you and your family peace, joy and every blessing in this Holy Season.

Fr John Cahill

Notices

Please Pray For

The repose of the soul of Fr Thomas Breslin who died recently. His funeral will take place at St Wilfrid's Coalville on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Collection

Please note that all monies collected at the Christmas Masses go into the parish fund and not to the Parish Priest.

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year, we will be supporting our two parish charities – Menphys & Sound Cafe. As you come before our Nativity scene to offer your thanks and prayers, please think about making a donation this Christmastime to support

those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

Fundraising - West Leicester Catholic 300 Club

Congratulations to all members of our West Leicester Catholic 300 Club for supporting our fundraising for the three parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's. Thanks to your generous contributions, we have realised a dividend of £8,100 for the year ending October 2018, giving £2,700 to each of the 3 parishes. Many thanks to all collectors and committee members who have worked hard throughout the year to help manage the process that has achieved this great result.

Parish Charities 2019

We will be supporting the following charities during 2019...

Menphys

Menphys is a local Leicester and Leicestershire charity that aims to provide services that support local disabled children and young people and their families.

Sound Cafe

Sound Cafe provides a safe creative space for people who are homeless, socially isolated or living in vulnerable housing in Leicester and Leicestershire. They offer the opportunity to listen to and take part in musical and artistic practice and performances as a means of improving well-being and self-esteem.

Parish Hall

Please note that the parish is not available for personal hire for private parties or functions and is only used for parish events.

One Roof Project

The Winter Night Shelter needs the following items... Adult colouring books; 4 socket extension lead 5 metre cable; 3 camp beds; laundry bags and tags. Financial donations to support buying items would also be appreciated. Night shelter volunteers are also needed and if you are interested, please pick up a leaflet for more information or contact Salma on 0116 442 2007. We will be hosting this initiative on Saturday 22 December and Saturday 5 January.

EWTN

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saints lives, and live events including the Holy Father's weekly audience from Rome. It's your way to be better connected to the Catholic world!

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Dates For Your Diary

New Year's Eve

Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm with traditional singing of the 'Te Deum' and Benediction followed by Mass in thanksgiving for the year past.

White Flower Appeal

This appeal supports the work of the Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) and will take place on the weekend of 5 / 6 January.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Saturday 5 January 5.30pm.