




Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley
(incorporating SS. Mary & Monica, Cottingley
and Sacred Heart, Bingley)
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
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THOUGHT FOR 4th Sunday of ADVENT (22nd/23rd December): Elizabeth was able to recognise Mary's child as her Lord. Soon that joyous greeting to Mary will be ours too as we hail the new-born Christ child. We are called to bring Christ into our world this Christmas by the way we treat our family, friends and neighbours, so that through us others may come to believe that God's promise will be fulfilled.




 **1st Reading: (Mic 5:1-4).** Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.


 **2nd Reading: (Heb 10:5-10).** Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.


 **Gospel: (Lk 1:39-45).** Elizabeth praises Mary, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

THOUGHT FOR THE HOLY FAMILY (29/30th December): When Jesus went missing for three days he could have found himself in much worse places than the Temple. His human curiosity led him to try and learn more about his religion and to deepen his understanding of his relationship with God. What was necessary even for the Son of God is true for us and our children today.



 **1st Reading: (1 Sam 1:20-22f).** This deals with the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

 **2nd Reading: (1 Jn 3:1-2f).** We are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

 **Gospel: (Lk 2:41-52).** The story of how Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstanding can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time especially:

Brenda Barker, Noel Bourke, Stella Dick, David Clegg, John Moran, Patrick Murphy, Jacob Kirsey, Christine Matthews, Fr. Chris Willis, Ann Routedge, Noreen O'Neill, Richard Longden, Patricia Long, Bridget & Harry McKenna, Frank Crowther, Bev Shuttleworth, Kathleen Lavelle, Tony Shipman, Aileen Bristow, Della Medley, Brian Marie, Frieda Clapham, Joanna Jackson, Thomas McCann, Elizabeth Hartley and Ian Harrison.

Mass Intentions received recently: Special Intention: ELAINE PLUNKETT, SHIRLEY KOWALSKI (s), Special Intention: MAUREEN CAIRNS, Special Intention: SHEILA PATTON, TONY WINTERBLURN (ld), MIKE SHAW (ld) and KAY & STRAUGHTON FAMILIES.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Saturday (before the Vigil Mass)
from 4.15pm-4.45pm at Sacred Heart Bingley.

BINGLEY FOOD BANK wish to acknowledge their grateful thanks for all contributions which enable the Food Bank to help families in need in the area. A box is in the entrance if you wish to place donations.

Offering
Total 

Thank you for your generosity which amounted to:

£514.50 (Env) & £363.20 (Loose) 8/9th December;
£561.50 (Env) & £336.50 (Loose) 15/16th December.

CRIB OFFERINGS will be donating them to FHL (Friends of the Holy Land). Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the land of Our Lord's Birth in your prayers at this time. Thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD supporting Kathryn's Mercy Home Trust. This provides the poorest of poor children with food, clothing, lodging and an education which would otherwise be denied them. Thank you to all who contributed to the Card this year which raised **£462** and to Adrian Kennedy for producing it. For further information go to www.kathrynsmercyhome.org On behalf of those you help - many thanks.

CAKE/BUN SALE: "Dear Father Sean, I wanted to say a big thank you to the congregation for helping me to raise **£398.91** for my trip to a Ugandan orphanage next summer. I am extremely grateful for all those who bought the cakes and also to those who kindly made donations, as the latter made a significant contribution to the total raised. Thank you. From Mattie."

INN CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER: A special word of thanks to everyone for offering their help and precious time over the Christmas Season. Thanks to an awesome group of volunteers, great meals have been produced along with warm beds, a clean and welcoming environment and a generous dose of hospitality! Many thanks once again to Paddy & Colin Spiller for organising this. If you would like to know more about Inn Churches Winter Shelter or which churches are helping, please contact **01274 566332** or email: paddysspiller@btvonder.co.uk

CATHEDRAL LECTURES: at Wheeler Hall, St. Anne Street, Leeds at 7pm. The final lecture will be on Tuesday 8th January 2019 - "The Church and Change: Observations on the Present Crisis in Catholicism" with Professor Richard Rex, Professor of Reformation History in the University of Cambridge. An expert in the history of the Tudors and of the Reformation, he is author of several books, including The Theology of John Fisher (1991) and The Tudors (2006). His most recent book is The Making of Martin Luther (2017). Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection. For further details e-mail johnbeaumont315@gmail.com or phone **07949 223575**.

The **2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL REVIEW** is available at the back of church and is also available online at: <http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/assets/files/Annual-Review-2018.pdf> Feedback would be appreciated - please email: communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VACANCY - Financial Accountant based at Hinsley Hall. A good all-rounder to work in a small Finance Team providing financial and administrative support across our Diocese. Please contact John Moran for a job description at john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Closing date 11th January 2019.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Many thanks to all who help but we are always looking for an extra pair of willing hands. If you can help please contact Margaret Abbott **01274 560340** for Sacred Heart, Bingley or Christine Acomb **01274 562887** for SS. Mary & Monica's, Cottingley. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: are lit each week in memory of your loved ones. Please keep the following in your prayers:

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT (22nd/23rd December) COTTINGLEY: TOM & PAT DOYLE

[OUR LADY CANDLE]: KAY & STRAUGHTON FAMILIES

[OUR LADY CANDLE]: TURLEY FAMILY & FRIENDS

[SACRED HEART CANDLE]: ERIC MAXIMILLIAN MOLLOY

BINGLEY: ATKINSON & GREEN FAMILIES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (29th/30th December) COTTINGLEY: KITCHING FAMILY




BINGLEY: SUSAN MCGANNON

CHRISTMAS/SANCTUARY CANDLES: There are still a few dates available - please see me if you wish to dedicate a candle.



**May the Joy and Peace of Christmas remain with
you always and throughout the New Year of
2019. God Bless, Fr. Sean Molloy.**



4th Sunday of ADVENT 22nd/23rd December 2018	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Trevor Atkinson & Robert Green
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	May & Bernard Palmer (A) Anna Kane (A)
Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm [Vigil] COTTINGLEY	Eric Maximillian Molloy (A)
Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY 	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Josie Glacken (A) Michael Watson (A)
Wednesday 26th ST. STEPHEN	9.30am COTTINGLEY	Albert Link (B'day A)
Thursday 27th ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	9.30am COTTINGLEY	Special Int: Tom & Pat Doyle
Friday 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS	9.30am COTTINGLEY	Nigel Melaugh (A)
Feast of THE HOLY FAMILY 29/30th December 2018 	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Susan McGannon (A)
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Kay & Straughton Families Kazimieras Mockaitis (A)
Monday 31st OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	9.30am COTTINGLEY	Deceased King & Robinson Families
Tuesday 1st January 2019 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	<u>11.00am</u> COTTINGLEY	Margaret & Arthur Jennings (A)
Wednesday 2nd Weekday of CHRISTMAS	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
Thursday 3rd Weekday of CHRISTMAS	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
Friday 4th Weekday of CHRISTMAS	9.30am BINGLEY with School children	Linda P. Bennett (B'day A)
* Feast of THE EPIPHANY 5/6th January 2019 	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Sheehan & Power Families
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Harry Kitching (A) Addy & Clarkson Families

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4th SUNDAY of ADVENT
OPEN YOUR HEARTS IN WELCOME

22nd/23rd December

**Why should I be honoured
 with a visit from
 the mother of my Lord?**
 (Luke 1:43)

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

29/30th December

**Three days later,
 they found him in the Temple,
 sitting among the doctors,
 listening to them,
 and asking them questions.**
 (Luke 2: 46)



4th Sunday of ADVENT & Feast of the HOLY FAMILY
22nd/23rd December & 29/30th December