

**Ponder Over.....** On This Christmas Morn: By Deborah Ann Belka

A promise to the world,  
a child to be given  
so many years foretold  
so all could be forgiven.  
Moonless night shining,  
with the Morning Star  
calling watchful shepherds  
to come from afar.

Wise Men carry gifts,  
meant for only a King  
angels up in heaven  
Glory ~ Glory ~ sing.  
God became a man,  
the Good News is born  
begotten Son arrives  
on this Christmas morn.

Our mighty God concedes,  
to the wickedness of man  
he Prince of Peace comes  
to bridge the empty span.  
Wonderful is His name,  
Counsellor to the meek  
the Son was born of flesh  
to give power to the weak.

Our everlasting Father,  
knows our fallen state  
so He sent His only Son  
to save us from our fate.  
A promise to the world,  
our Lord and Saviour is born  
sing ~ Praises to His Glory ~  
on this Christmas morn.

Emmanuel – God is with us. In our hearts and in our homes, Emmanuel – God is with us. Transforming us from within, Emmanuel – God is with us. Each and every day of the year, Emmanuel – God is truly with us. Beyond the ornaments and the lights, Emmanuel – God will always be with us. In this joyful Christmas and evermore.



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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4)

**This Sunday – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)

Mass 10.30am (Anthony Gibbons)

**Monday - Mass 9.30am (Moira Bradshaw)**

Christmas Eve: Mass at 5.00pm

Midnight Mass (Tom Thomas)

**Tuesday - The Nativity of the Lord**

Mass 9.00am (People of the Parish)

Mass 10.30am (Jack Turner)

**Wednesday- Bank Holiday Mass 12 noon (Leo Higgins): St Stephen - Feast**

**Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Frank McGreal): St John the Apostle - Feast**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (Deceased Relatives & Friends of Michael Family): The**

Holy Innocents - Feast

**Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Souls in Purgatory): St Thomas Becket - Feast**

**Next Sunday – THE HOLY FAMILY - FEAST**

Mass 8.30am (Moira Bradshaw)

Mass 10.30am (People of the Parish)

**MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am**

**NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY**

**NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK**

**NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY**

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## *ST CATHERINE'S NEWS*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all who have died recently especially John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

**(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).**

**FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. –** please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

**COFFEE** will be served today by OLOP Mums, next Sunday by Saturday Club.

**CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE** today at 4pm at St Catherine's. Please come and enjoy.

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST CATHERINE'S:** Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass at 5.00pm for Children and the parents. Midnight Mass at 11.45pm followed by Carol Singing. Christmas Day Mass 9.00am and 10.30 am.

**CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS** at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve. Please feel free to dress your child in a nativity costume. There are some costumes available in Pre-School if you cannot find anything. The Parish Centre will be open from 4.15pm so the children can get ready. The children will then process from the back of the Church as Mass starts to present the baby Jesus at the Nativity scene.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS** – Fr Thomas and Deacons Tony and John would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas. Fr Thomas would like to thank in advance for the generous Christmas Offerings and the gifts and cards received. Thank you also to our musicians and choir, to the altar servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, those who cleaned and decorated the Church, arranged the flowers, and everyone who helped

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** This money goes to Caritas. Please place your offerings in the box provided at the crib.

**CHURCH HALL KEY HOLDERS** - Please note that the top Yale lock on the entrance door to the church hall had to be replaced this week. A new key for hall key holders is available from Kim 07873 300244 or Simon O'Connell 07711 163922 or 632 3837.

**SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2018** are available at the back of the Church. Price £5.00

**RECENT DEATHS.** If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

**SICK:** A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

**FOOD BANK** – Please leave the food items in the box at the back of Church

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** now available at the back of Church. Please put an offering in the CAFOD box.

**SUNDAY OFFERING 16<sup>th</sup> December:** £565.95

## *DIOCESAN NEWS*

**VACANCY FOR POSITION OF HEADTEACHER** at St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Timperley. See poster for details.