St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the Word

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

26 December 2021

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| Sunday 26th | 9:00am  5:15pm | Harry Hayes dec’d  Danny Duff dec’d |
| Monday 27th | 9:30am | Word & Communion |
| Tuesday 28th | 9:30am | Stella Cowley dec’d |
| Wednesday 29th | 7:00pm  7:30pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  Word & Communion |
| Thursday 30th | 9.30am | Kathleen & Frederick Henry dec’d |
| Friday 31st | 9:30am  10:00am - 10:30am | Word & Communion  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday 1st | 12:00 midnight  9:30am | Canon Bennie Noonan’s int’s  For the scientists to eradicate COVID 19 variants |
| Sunday 2nd | 9:00am  5:15pm | Brian & Sam Weeks int’s  Anne Crawley dec’d |

Psalm Response: *They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Gospel Welcome: *Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.*

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT MASS for the 9.00am and 5:15pm Masses on Sundays**

**To register for a place either:**

* **email** [**hydepeter1@gmail.com**](mailto:hydepeter1@gmail.com) **or**
* **text 07713580757**

**Please book your place for Mass by Saturday am at the latest.**

**Collections:** For weeks 12 December and 19 December- £750.90

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**CAFOD** is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal.  In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let’s do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website:

[cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**CHRISTMAS AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SHEFFORD**

Please book for Masses on 1st, 2nd, 6th, & 12th January on hydepeter1@gmail.com or text 07713580757

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| 1st January | 12:00am  9:30am | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God |
| 2nd January | 9:00am  5:15pm | Second Sunday of Christmas |
| 6th January | 9:30am | The Epiphany of the Lord |
| 9th January | 9:00am  5:15pm | The Baptism of the Lord |

COME LET US ADORE HIM

**Doesn’t the Church look lovely.**

**I thank all who make it so.**

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and that the loveliness of your Christmas continues right through 2022.

Let us very much pray for each other at this time and throughout 2022.

For the life in our Parish at this most Holy time I thank:

* Deacon Peter Hyde for coordinating so much.
* Colin for the Linen.
* The Tree: the donor.
* The Crib.
* Flowers- Jean Duggan and all involved.
* Liz Maden for our weekly Newsletter.
* Liturgy:- Jacqui Wilkinson our Organist, Readers, Peter Cremin and the Servers.

***Thank you all who are responsible for keeping our Church clean and in the beautiful condition that it always is.***