

# NEWSLETTER

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**Monday 24th December – Sunday 30th December 2018**

## *The Nativity of the Lord*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Vigil Mass Holy Souls
	<b>11:30pm</b>	Carol Service
	<b>12:00midnight</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	In Thanksgiving
	<b>11:00am</b>	Family & Friends R.I.P
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St Stephen's Day</b>	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Altar Servers Mass followed by party
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>	
	<b>10:00am</b>	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	
	<b>10:00am</b>	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	
	<b>6:00pm</b>	In Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>	
	<b>8:30am</b>	Happy Families
	<b>10:00am</b>	Families of the Parish
	<b>12 noon</b>	Families in Difficulty

**Confessions 2–4pm every Saturday,  
or by Appointment**

## *St James' Christmas Party*

Our Christmas party last week was a  
great success, our Parish all  
working together.



Many thanks to the  
organisers and all those  
who worked hard on the

wonderful food, music, entertainment  
and clearing up afterwards!

*A Happy and Holy Christmas to all at St James'.  
Hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends!*



*Fr Jack*

*The great season is on us again.*

*Many things to notice, but just let's look at a few.*

- 1. Mary was overshadowed by the spirit.*
- 2. An angel appeared and SHE LISTENED.*
- 3. She heard because her heart was prepared.*
- 4. Through her, the WORD became flesh.*

*I would like to think that we are always  
overshadowed by the spirit.*

*The word is always speaking to us in the daily  
event of our life.*

*In the bible, in the joy of meeting another, in  
nature, in some TV programmes, in the mass, in  
the joy of my children, etc.*

*Big question.....DO I LISTEN?*

*Has my heart been prepared especially by  
PREPARING THE READINGS FOR MASS?*

*If so, the word will also take flesh in me.*

*A gardener prepares the land for many months  
before he plants seed.*

*Failure to prepare is failure to achieve good  
results.*

*We don't prepare to fail. We fail to prepare.*

*Shoot for the moon. Even if you  
miss you'll land among the stars.*

## **St Stephen's Day**

**Wednesday 26th December 2018**

**Mass for Altar Servers at 12 noon.**

There will be a party after Mass.  
All servers please attend to renew your  
guild promise.

Thank you very much for your  
commitment throughout the year.

## *Hampers*

*If anybody would like a Christmas  
hamper, please see me today.*