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Sat 29 Dec	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	THE HOLY FAMILY	Julie Edith Muscat R.I.P.
Sun 30 Dec	10 am Mass		Frank Brooks R.I.P.
Tues 1 Jan	12 noon MASS OF HEALING	MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	For the blind 
Wed 2 Jan	9 am Mass	St Basil the Great	Holy Souls
Thurs 3 Jan	9 am Mass	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Holy Souls
	9.30 am - 10.30 am	ADORATION	
Sat 5 Jan	10am	Confession	
	6pm Vigil Mass	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Loreto Pierce R.I.P.
Sun 6 Jan	10 am Mass		Holy Souls

DIARY DATES

Tues 1 Jan – Healing Mass – 12 noon

Tues 8 Jan – Liturgy Group – 5pm

Wed 9 Jan (& all future Wed in Jan) – RCIA –
7.30pm - Presbytery

Sat/Sun 12/13 Jan – SPUC Appeal –
SECOND COLLECTION

Mon 14 Jan – J&P Group meeting at Lucy's –
7.45pm

Sat/Sun 18/19 Jan - **SECOND COLLECTION
FOR CATHEDRAL**

Wed 23 Jan – EST Group – 6pm

Sat 26 Jan – Parish Quiz Night – 7pm

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Ent: 698 Gloria: 481 (Green book)
Off: 622 Holy, holy: 482 (Green book)
Lamb of God: 487 (green book)
Comm: 193 Rec: 296

From the Parish Priest

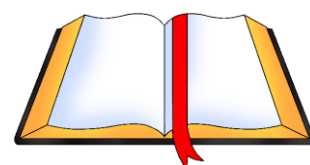
One of the great strengths of the Catholic Church has been its emphasis on the Family. Some people may find what it has to say about the sanctity of life from conception to the grave as a little threatening, but it is consistent with the teaching of Scripture and the tradition handed down through the centuries. The Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is the model to follow; Mary keeping her child despite what others might say; Joseph standing by his wife and trusting her honesty; Jesus, being born into a loving and caring environment, who brings joy and gladness to parents who want him. Despite the individual response to the Word of God by Mary and Joseph, there is a unity between them - a sharing of love in the Word which is pure Eucharist. Our homes should be places for Eucharist by imitating the Holy Family. It is a unit ordained by God to be Holy and the place where society gets its strength. Lose Family life and you lose a culture of respect for human life and dignity.

Fr Bruce

**May I wish you all a Blessed and joyful
Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fr Bruce**

Pope's intention for January

**That young people, especially in South
America, follow the example of Mary and
respond to the call of the Lord to
communicate the joy of the Gospel to the
world.**



Save the date!

Saturday 26 January at 7pm

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Celebrate the feast of St Francis de Sales

Come in a team or join a group on the night. Lots of fun rounds, raffle, bar. Ticket price includes **two-course meal**. Proceeds to be shared between J&P charities and Parish appeal. £10 adult, £5 under-16, £25 family - tickets available after Mass or from Lucy Tyler (01635 35462).

Raffle prizes needed!

HEALING MASS

Tues 1 Jan at 12 noon

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
followed by refreshments



WELCOMING:

Tues 1 Jan: Angela Spellman

Sat 5 Jan: Marian & Beth Midgely

Sun 6 Jan: Middleton family

CLEANERS:

Fri 4 Jan: Clare Heald & Pauline Byrne

COUNTERS:

Sun 30 Dec: Jacqueline Frod & Graham Spellman

THANK YOU: I would like to thank you all for your generous offering at Christmas. It was much appreciated. Fr Bruce.

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CRIB OFFERINGS will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, who look after and maintain the Christian shrines and buildings for pilgrims in the Holy Land. Please spend a moment offering a prayer for the Christian Communities in the Middle East especially in the Holy Land.

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD 1ST JANUARY 2019 12 NOON: **A MASS OF HEALING** with laying on of hands and anointing. All welcome. A good way to begin the New Year. Confession available after Mass.

St George's Themed Quiz takes place on Saturday, 19th January (19.00 for 19.30 start). Tickets are now available. To book, please contact Carole Neal on 01635 45535 or email carole@kenneal.co.uk or Peter Wright on 01635 38369 or e-mail him at piwright@hwca.com.

Registration Forms: If you have not registered as a member of the Parish, please take a form from the box in the porch and return it to the Parish Office.