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age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mystery of Faith: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*



Holy Souls' Catholic Church

The Reminder

(NRCDDT Registered Charity No 1134449)

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA

Sunday, 28th December 2014

The Holy Family - Year B

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 27th December 2014 <i>St John</i>	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	- Polish Priest's Intentions Patrick Cooney & dec'd relatives RIP Marie Kitchen RIP
Sunday 28th December 2014 <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Dennis Bowman RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Mary & Pat Mahoney RIP
Monday <i>St Thomas</i>	9.00 am	Charlie & Elsie Peal RIP
Tuesday - 6th day in <i>Octave of Christmas</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Michael Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday - 7th day <i>in Octave of Christmas</i>	9.00 am 11.45 pm	Joseph Le Van Vay RIP Special Intention
Thursday, 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10.00 am 11.00 am Polish	Downey Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
First Friday <i>Sts Basil & Gregory</i> <i>Nazianzen</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish No Luddington Mass 7.00 pm Polish	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions - Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday <i>The Most Holy Name</i> <i>of Jesus</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Mary Sutherland Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions Eileen Bailey RIP Maria Brzozowska RIP
Sunday 4th January 2015 The Epiphany of The Lord	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Albert Riley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Rose Guilfoyle RIP
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday - None this week</i> <i>Thursday - None this week</i> <i>Saturday - 4.30 to 5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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This Week

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

No adoration this week. Adoration will resume on Saturday 3rd, Wednesday 7th, and Thursday 8th January 2015 at the usual times.

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year will go to St Andrew's Children's Hospice in Grimsby.

New Year

There will be a Mass at 11.45 pm for people who wish to pray in the New Year. All Welcome.

**Fr Eddy, Fr Benedict
and Deacon Bernard
thank all parishion-
ers for their cards
and gifts and wish
everyone a Happy
and Peaceful
New Year**



RCIA Group

Will resume on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

Stich and Chat:

Will resume on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

**First Holy Communion
Programme**

Could all children make sure they have completed and returned Sheets 1-4 before the end of the Christmas Holidays. Sheet 5 will be given out on the week-end of 10th/11th January 2015.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation evening will be on Thursday 15th January at 7.00 pm. Any parents hoping to have

children (aged under 5) baptised must attend this session.

The Forge Project

The staff and users of the Forge Project wish to thank parishioners from Holy Souls who contributed presents which were distributed after lunch on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cards

Any Christmas cards left at the back of the church have been moved into the hall and laid out on the first table as you enter. Please collect any addressed to you. Any left uncollected after next weekend will be sent for recycling.

Readings for The Holy Family (Year B)

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great. My Lord, Abram replied, what do you intend to give me? I go childless... Then Abram said, See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood. Then taking him outside he said, Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants, he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: 104:1-6.8-9

[R]: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the

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