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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIS SUNDAY'S PARISH MASS BOOK

Prayers & Scripture Readings (A) page 106 ff

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Mass Times, Intentions & Feasts w/c Sunday 29th December, 2019

Sun 29 9.00am Fr James Oliver RIP A **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Wed 1 10.30am NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS AT CLIFFORD **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Sun 5 9.00am People of the Parish **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



St Edward's, Clifford Mass Times:

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 11.00am

New Year's Day 10.30am

Please pray for those who are sick especially Bernard Walford, Kathleen Burton, Neil Dunbar, Jane Coleman, Anne Raines, Irene & John Smith, Leslie Walker, Peggy Thompson, Tony Lyons, Dorothy Kelpin & Margaret Scrubbs.

Of your charity pray for those who have recently died and for all whose Anniversaries occur at this time especially Fr James Oliver, Philomena Sullivan and Hilary Bottomley. RIP



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH,
TADCASTER
GIVES THANKS TO GOD
FOR THE WONDERFUL,
ENGAGING, INSPIRING
& UPLIFTING

150th JUBILEE YEAR 2019

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

(Minnie Louise Haskins 1908, revived by King George 6th in a broadcast he made during the darkest days of World War 2.)

There have always been dark times. Three thousand years ago the nation of Israel was going through a time of great moral and spiritual darkness. The future was bleak, depression was rife and restlessness and despair gripped many.

Yet God spoke a message of hope to His people:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given... And He will be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:2-6)

Christ is Born for Us!

St Joseph's Catholic Church 1869 – 2019 Jubilee 150

As our Year of Celebration draws to a close, the Parish Pastoral Council plan to establish a **Parish Book of Thanksgiving** to mark the installation of the new window in 2019. Everyone in the parish community is invited to make a donation which will be associated with a pane of glass within the design. This might be to mark a family event in the Parish, in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. The commissioned book will be hand-written and will contain the donors name and an inscription. There is no minimum donation.

PLEASE TAKE A REGISTRATION LEAFLET - BACK OF CHURCH

The Ministry of Reader:

Today: 1st Reading Ruth Godfrey

2nd Reading Tony Berry Bidding Prayers Ann Robertshaw

Next Sunday: 1st Reading Bernard Walford

2nd Reading Catherine Dunbar Bidding Prayers Greg Lodge

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Last Sunday's Offertory £383.40 (inc. £68 weekly S.Orders)
Presentation of £2,000 for Jubilee Well for Tanzania. Thank you.

WE WELCOME all visitors to St Joseph's whether you are from near or far. We ask that if it is possible, you please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of church and 'Gift Aid' your offering, as this helps to maintain our lovely church.
TEA & COFFEE will be served in **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE** after **TODAY'S Mass**. Please join us.