

**Please keep in your prayers:** Father Robert; Father Jon Bielawski; Christina & John Morley; Janet Hudson; Josie Seath; Barbara Emery; Teresa & Tom Hogan; Bernard Nertney (Teresa's brother); and all those suffering at this time.

**This Weekend we pray for Expectant Mothers:**

- For all who are waiting a birth; may they be given patience and strength.
- For all who work in maternity units and with mothers; may they always recognise and cherish the gift of life.

## POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

### FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

## LETTER FROM FATHER DONALD

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- ◆ I encourage you all to go to confession as we prepare for Christmas. Confessions will be heard on Saturday and twice on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ We are happy to announce that Mike Hearn, who is attending the RCIA programme, has officially declared his consent to become a Catholic. We pray for him.
- ◆ As part of his preparation for the Diaconate, Anthony will preach at a Sunday Mass each month. We shall form an Ordination Committee to prepare. He will celebrate baptisms once he becomes a Deacon.
- ◆ In place of the house Masses we usually celebrate during the Lenten season, we shall have the Advent Pasada next year.
- ◆ Father Anthony Scott will celebrate Mass for us on the weekend of 27/28 December.
- ◆ On 6th January 2026 at 11am, we shall celebrate the funeral Mass of Bernadette Theresa Franklin. Msgr Francis shall officiate.
- ◆ On 10th January 2026, George and Ottilie will be joined as husband and wife in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony by Msgr. Francis.
- ◆ Please do well to make time for the Christmas Masses during the week.
- ◆ Finally, please do remember to consult me when thinking about dates for events in the parish, so that clashes with other events can be avoided.

## BASIC INSTRUCTION

**Q:** What do you mean by the Incarnation?

**A:** I mean by the Incarnation that God the Son took to himself the nature of man: 'the Word was made flesh' (John 1:14).

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