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December 27th 2009 Feast of The Holy Family (Year C)

Saturday	26 th	5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	27 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Private Intention
		10.30am	Mass	Crony & Christina Murphy RIP
Monday	28 th	10.00am	Mass	Rachel Stuart Douglas RIP (F)
Tuesday	29 th	10.00am		Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	30 th	10.00am		Eucharistic Service
Thursday	31 st	10.00am	Mass	Martin & Catherine Doughan RIP
Friday	1 st	10.00am	Mass	Private Intention
Saturday	2 nd	12.00Noon	No Mass	
		5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Hilary Sutton RIP
		10.30am	Mass	

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

This Week

This Tuesday There will be a eucharistic service instead of mass.

This Saturday There will be no mass at Noon - Fr Peter will be at an ordination in Crawley

Next Sunday Our parish Christmas party will take place after the 10.30am Mass.

Saints Days This Week

Monday The Holy Innocents

Friday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Next Sunday The Epiphany

Some Forthcoming Dates

Sunday January 3rd Parish Party after 10.30am Mass.

Afrikids There are some new posters on the noticeboard about Afrikids. We have sold more than £900 worth of pyjamas on behalf of Afrikids. Cathy was thrilled with the response. I have some order forms if

you are still interested in buying some, or they can be ordered from Afrikids direct.

Jeremy McNiven, who many of you will have known, died last week. His funeral will be at 10am on January 6th at the Catholic Church in Midhurst

Parish Christmas Party This year's party will be after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday January 3rd**.

✱**Thank You** to all parishioners for all your kind and generous cards, gifts and offerings. We have had a wonderful Christmas at The Presbytery, and we so very much appreciate all the support and encouragement that you give us. Thank you, also, to everyone who worked so hard to make our churches and the Christmas liturgies so beautiful.



✂**Christmas Cake Raffle** This raised more than £200 for The Lourdes Fund. Thank you Gill, and well done.

✂**Petworth Cleaning Rotas** Please collect your rota from the back of the church if you have not already done so.

Last Sunday's offertory The average weekly amount given by standing order is £375.00. Last Sunday's collection was £367.19, of which £253.00 was in envelopes and 114.19 was loose cash.

From A Homily of Alfred Delp SJ, priest and martyr, Midnight Mass 1942

We run the risk of concealing Christmas behind bourgeois customs and sentimentality, behind all those traditions that make this holiday dear and precious to us. Yet perhaps the deep meaning is still hiding behind all those things. What this celebration is about is the founding of a final order for the world, a new center of meaning for all existence. We are not celebrating some children's holiday, but rather the fact that God has spoken His ultimate Word to the world. Christ is the ultimate Word of God to the world. One must let this idea really sink in these days when people are seeking new values. If you take God seriously—this relationship between God and the world—and if you know how important God is to society as well as to private life, then this has to touch you. The ultimate Word of God to the world! God does not contradict Himself and does not repeat Himself. One must use every ounce of willpower to comprehend this, and let this concept sink in: Christ, as the ultimate Word of God to the world.

And Christ came and placed Himself before us as a message. That He came as a child proves how much it matters to God that the message be accepted. From this Holy Night onward, the world has had the possibility of living in nearness to God or living apart from God. The entire Epistle wants to communicate one thing: take this, take what has happened here, really seriously. What came into the world is the very image of the Divine Being, is God Himself. He lifted mankind out of every false order in this consecrated night, in this blessed night. What is said to us here gives life its meaning, individual life as well as the life of all mankind.

Man should recognize that his innermost purpose is to find the way home to God and to be caught up in His life, to seek God for Himself. The fundamental concept of man in this world never can be that of certainty, but rather that of waiting for this ultimate revelation of that which began in the Holy Night. Such people, who know they are hastening to meet a great fulfillment, are always people under way.

The Lamp in the Lady Chapel burns this week in honour of Our Lady and in thanksgiving

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting our church, or if you have recently arrived in the area. We hope that you will enjoy being with us for our worship. There is a very brief history of the Sacred Heart Church by the doorway – please help yourself to a copy.

If you are putting money in the collection (for which we are always very grateful) you might like to use one of the yellow envelopes at the back of the church labeled 'Gift Aid Declaration'. These allow us to reclaim the tax paid on the gift, increasing its value to us by 28% (at no cost to you).