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The Holy Family

Sat 26 December 12.00noon Altar servers
St Stephen, Protomartyr 6.00pm All who have died in 2015

Sun 27 December 9.00am Families
The Holy Family 11.00am People of the Parish

Mon 28 December 9.45am Anne Jennings GE
Holy Innocents

Tues 29 December 6.30pm Holy Souls
St Thomas Becket

Wed 30 December 9.45am Holy Souls

Thur 31 December 9.45am Holy Souls

Fri 1 January 2016 12.00noon People of the Parish
Mary, Mother of God

Sat 2 January 9.45am Holy Souls
 St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sun 3 January 9.00am Virginia Dowley RIP
Epiphany 11.00am Miro Family

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
 Confessions Saturday 10.25-10.45am**

***Birmingham Catholic Directories 2016 @£2.75**
***Newsletter on parish website is now updated from
 week to week.**

Standing Orders

Quite a number of new standing orders in favour of the parish have been started over the last year and for that the parish is very grateful. I mentioned standing orders at the Christmas Masses requesting those who were not supporting the parish in this way to consider doing so. **Even ten pounds a month would be of considerable help in paying for the necessary refurbishments to the hall.** Standing orders avoid one having to remember collection money and envelopes and mean that the parish does not have to count and bank collection money. If you pay by standing order, there is of course no need to contribute additionally to the offertory collection at Mass.

Please pray for those who have died: Inge Monks, Mary Illingworth, Johnny Doran, Jill Lethbridge, Esmé Morgan, Beth Kelleher, Pauline Allan, Gerald Rice, Betty Jackson, Ron Jones, Lina Bugeja, David Buchan, Maria Winskowska, Tony Smithers, Sue Rice, Larry Rooney, James Cox, Martha Blassnigg, Sue Hibbert. **Anniversaries:** James McDonnell, May & Hubert Fowler, Mary & Jim Fleming, Virginia da Encarnacao **Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Peggy Quinn, Angela Overton, John Monks, Carmel Peach, Sue Hand, Doris Statham, Mrs Margaret Doyle, Peter Garfoot, Joe and Loretta Walcott, Mary Wallace, Pat Smith, Stuart Hay, Elizabeth Nolar Fr Bengt, Armine Grobecker, Margaret Gifford, Olga Davies, José De Freitas, Alf & Cecilia Wallcraft, Thomas Osborne, Rev Michael Phillips, Joyce Justin, Gertrude Davies, Patsy Rollo-Walker, Deirdre Dudley.

Hall Project We had been working on an estimated cost of £350,000 to £400,000 (excluding VAT). Adrian Mathias, the architect, has pointed out that we had increased our original specification since this estimate was made two years ago. Even so, when the tenders were revealed, we were shocked that the cheapest was more than £600,000. The fundraising committee requested the architect to reduce the specification to the bare essentials so as to allow us to continue. These include a new insulated roof, a new pitched roof parallel to the existing hall roof (to replace the single-storey addition), a new gas heating system for both hall and church, new lavatories and possibly new windows in the church, uniform with the new hall windows. We may delay fitting out the new kitchen until funds allow.

A new bank account (Friends of St Joseph's) has been set up at Lloyds in the process of raising funds for the hall project. It will shortly be a recognised charity account after which time Gift Aid declarations and donations can be made in favour of the parish and paid into this account. The present credit balance is £14,570, proceeds chiefly of second collections and fundraising events.