The Christmas baby has grown up into a man.... the childhood of Jesus is over. Today marks the beginning of his life work. God the Father proclaims him as his son and empowers him with the Spirit to teach the gospel... a life work that led him to the Cross. So, Christmas and Easter are linked in God's plan.

**Sunday 10th January** 

9.30am Dorothy Mulkeen11.00am Andrew Evans (A)6.30pm The Sick in the Parish

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Kevin Philip (LD)
Tues.8.30am Brian Hargreaves
Wed. 8.30am Margaret Lynch & family
Thur. 8.30am Valerie Bretherton (A)
Fri. 8.30am Cecilia & Leo Clitheroe
Sat. 8.30am Michael Dickinson (A)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Andrew Dearden (LD)
11.00am Catherine Wendy Beesley (A)
6.30pm Jim Green

# Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden (who finally has left hospital and is now living in Springfield in Coppull) · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley

#### **A Bare Church**

The church seems empty and drab now that the Christmas decorations are down... ah! Thanks to the teams who had our church back in ship shape condition in no time. And thanks to Mick Percal from Heatons Farm, Coppull, who so generously lends us the hay for our crib.

#### A Gift

Many thanks to Harry Turner's family who have given his bequest of £1.000 for work in the parish grounds. You will know that Harry spent much of his time re-pointing the walls in the grounds. The family have asked that the gift be used to complete that work. I'm sure we will remember Harry in our prayers. May his good and generous soul rest in peace.

### **Offertory Collection**

Thank you for last Sunday's collection of £970.

#### Transport to Church

The team led by Paul Thompson do a wonderful job in arranging transport for our older parishioners who now find the walk to church difficult. We don't have enough people to manage the bus each week and annoyingly the taxis we book have not always been reliable. So: firstly, are there any volunteers who will take a turn at driving the bus... it is a heavy vehicle, but if you feel you can manage it or would like to try it out, will you have a word with me or get in touch via the website or Facebook, if you prefer. Another thought – if you have a seat empty in your car, would you be willing to pick up a parishioner say once a month for morning mass? (This is not meant to tie you down to a weekly commitment – just an occasional offer when you are free.)

## **Wedding Banns**

The following intend to marry here at Weldbank in the coming year. If you know of any reasons why they should not be married "you are bound to declare the same as soon as possible". Sounds very threatening that requirement! But more importantly, if you know of any others planning a wedding, do ask them to let me now.... soonest!

<u>Date</u> <u>Name</u>

1 April Gabrielle Angilly and Vincent Watson
 11 June Katherine McCullagh and Ian Thistlewaite
 13 August Graham Wood and Laura Hodgkinson
 20 August Dominic Phillipson and Angela Woosey
 26 August Thomas Miller and Hannah Christian

**Ministering to the Assembly** 

Counters (11<sup>th</sup> January) David Chadwick and Madge Martin

Rotas (17<sup>th</sup> January)

S.A.S. Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

ReadersJames McLeodDonna LynasVincent MurphyMinistersMargaret ScardRichard JacksonPaul Rynn

Emmy Moss Catherine Todd

Dial a Ride Malc Scard Terry Donnelly

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