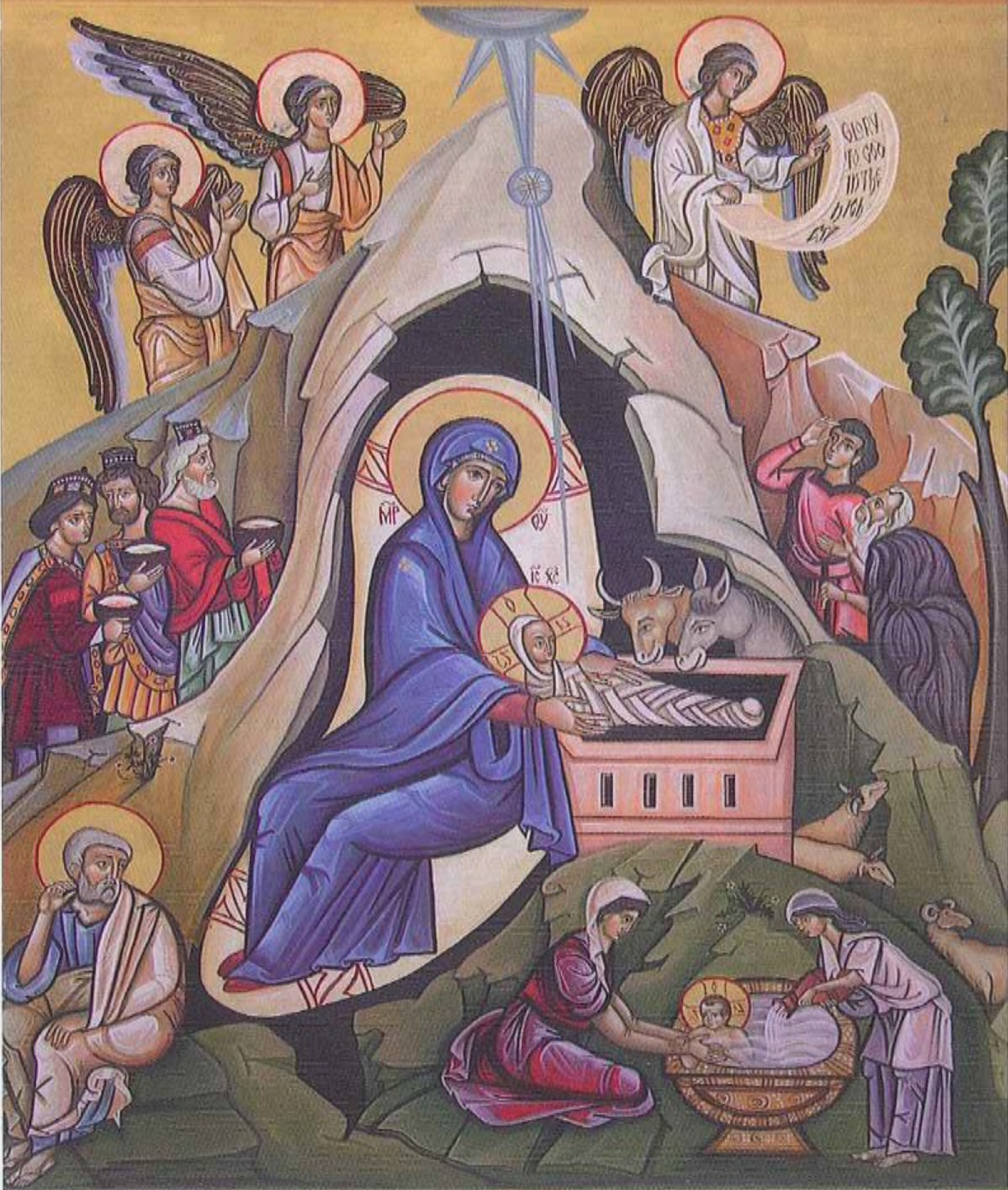


THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH



AND DWELT AMONG US

# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul, Lincoln



*double issue newsletter*

**Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Mary, Mother of God - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 & 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012**

*20 pence please to cover costs*

## **Thought for the Week:**

**.God and the Geese** There was once a man who didn't believe in God, and he didn't hesitate to let others know how he felt about religion and religious holidays. His wife, however, did believe, and she raised their children to also have faith in God and Jesus, despite his disparaging comments.

One snowy eve, his wife was taking their children to service in the farm community in which they lived. They were to talk about Jesus' birth. She asked him to come, but he refused. "That story in nonsense!" he said. "Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!" So she and the children left, and he stayed home.

A while later, the wind's grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As the man looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening. Then he heard a loud thump. Something had hit the window. He looked out, but couldn't see more than a few feet.

When the snow let up a little, he ventured outside to see what could have been beating on his window. In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. Apparently they had been flying south for the winter when they got caught in the snowstorm and couldn't go on. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with

no food or shelter. They just flapped their wings and flew around the field in low circles, blindly and aimlessly. A couple of them had flown into his window, it seemed.

The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. The barn would be a great place for them to stay, he thought. It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm. So he walked over to the barn and opened the doors wide, then watched and waited, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside.

But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't seem to notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. The man tried to get their attention, but that just seemed to scare them, and they moved further away. He went into the house and came with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread crumb trail leading to the barn. They still didn't catch on.

Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered in every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe. "Why don't they follow me?!" he exclaimed. "Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm?"

He thought for a moment and realised

that they just wouldn't follow a human. "If only I was a goose, then I could save them," he said out loud. Then he had an idea. He went into the barn, got one of his own geese, and carried it in his arms as he circled around behind the flock of wild geese.

He then released it. His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn - and one by one, the other geese followed it to safety. He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed in his mind: "If only I were a goose, then I could save them!" Then he thought about what he had said to his wife earlier. "Why would God want to be like us? That's ridiculous!"

Suddenly it all made sense. That is what God had done. We were like the geese - blind, lost, perishing. God had His Son become like us so He could show us the way and save us.

As the winds and blinding snow died down, his soul became quiet and pondered this wonderful thought. Suddenly he understood why Christ had come. Years of doubt and disbelief vanished with the passing storm. He fell to his knees in the snow, and prayed his first prayer:

**"Thank You, God, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!"**

*- author unknown -*

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Collection Last Week	
Standing Order	£465.00
Envelopes	£540.10
Loose Plate	£447.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,452.32</b>
<b>Hungry Box</b>	<b>£86.34</b>
500 Club Draw	
w/d £100 11/12/11	A N Staples 306
w/d £100 18/12/11	S McFarlane 533
Coffee Mornings – Uganda 2011/12: £1,789	
Church Restoration/Roof Fund 2011/12: £5,538	
Christmas Raffle: Target £2,500 - Running Total £1,737.70	
<b>Thank you for your kind donations!</b> <b>The Parish relies on your generosity!</b>	

## Christmas Grand Prize Raffle

Thanks to all those who bought and sold tickets for our Christmas Raffle. The final amount raised is still being worked out - it's not too late to make a final donation over Christmastime, so that we can reach our target of £2,500 to pay for our new photocopier.

The winners of the raffle are listed below - congratulations to them all! If you've won a prize and haven't yet collected it, please speak to one of the clergy after Mass and you can retrieve your prize from the Presbytery. The winners are:

**First Prize**

£250 4216 Margaret Hierons

**Second Prize**

£100 279 Helen Levy

**Third Prize**

£50 3453 S Colclough

<b>Fourth</b>	Grand Hamper	5914	Mrs Vauehan
<b>Fifth</b>	Champagne & Chocolates	1962	Michael Meenaghan
<b>Sixth</b>	Christmas Cake	2283	M Wilson
<b>Seventh</b>	Whisky & Chocolates	871	C Wood
<b>Eighth</b>	Hamper	5918	Mrs Vauehan
<b>Ninth</b>	Martini & Chocolates	5530	Dee Taylor
<b>Tenth</b>	Jewellery	7310	Ann Hogan
<b>Eleventh</b>	Port	7781	Bill & Odette Millar
<b>Twelfth</b>	Beauty Hamper	4367	Steve Scully
<b>Thirteenth</b>	Red wine/corkscrew/stand	3165	M Cade
<b>Fourteenth</b>	Wine & Biscuits	3069	Mr Gibson
<b>Fifteenth</b>	Red Wine	482	Ramona Winiarska
<b>Sixteenth</b>	Chocolates	4632	Catherine Anyanwu
<b>Seventeenth</b>	Rose Wine	7311	Adrian Hogan
<b>Eighteenth</b>	Biscuits	1249	Grace Hickson
<b>Nineteenth</b>	White Wine	452	C P Sackfield
<b>Twentieth</b>	Bear	7876	M McCoy

Continuing to work on the magazine layout, we will begin articles about the sacraments after Christmas. We also thank those who have contributed thoughts and ideas over Advent - please keep making suggestions.

Take a newsletter each week, and if you can contribute the 20 pence price, many thanks!

**The Collection  
on Christmas Day  
will be the  
traditional offering  
to the parish priest**

**Fr Tom thanks you  
most sincerely in advance**



# Parish News

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed during Christmas week.**

**The Parish Secretary will return on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

**Lady Chapel:** Redecoration of the Lady Chapel is now complete. The Chapel will re-open in the New Year.

**Cleaners:** Thank you to the volunteers who will clean the Church on Christmas Eve morning in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,** Can you spare one hour per month to help us keep our Church clean. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Heidi Belbin on 01522 828172.

**"Painting for Poverty"** by donation to CAFOD Nov-Dec: Our painting class donations raised £100 and the auction of paintings at the refreshments after the Christmas Carol Concert made a further £50.50 totaling £150.50p to be sent to CAFOD. Thank you very much all our painters and patrons. Enjoy the works !!

**City of Lincoln Catenian Carol Concert** 17<sup>th</sup> December: The above was a resounding success, both in terms of pleasure given and money raised for SSP&P Church. Many thanks to Bill McCarthy for print work, Orpheus, Angela and the School Choir for entertaining us so superbly well marshalled by Mrs & Miss Cox, Tom Scanlon afterwards in Parish Centre and Francis for her baking. All our helpers worked as a team and we were delighted with the outcome. We raised £853 so after a donation of £100 to Orpheus leaves the Church with £753. Merry Christmas to you all, Brother President Alan Stephinson and Brothers of City of Lincoln Catenian Ass.

**Repository Coffee Morning** 18<sup>th</sup> Decemehr: A wonderful morning! Many thanks to all our helpers, we made £340 for Gifts for the sick and RCIA learning materials. We would like to thank all our new helpers on the day plus the regulars who worked like Trojans and donated cakes, raffle prizes etc.

Tommy entertained, Francis provided her Sausage rolls and the collection of cup cakes, sponge cakes was incredible, Merry Christmas to you all Christine & Alan.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi 2012 - Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** "I have been asked by a number of people if I would consider putting on another Pilgrimage next year. Would all who are interested please contact me on 01522 826390. Please ask me for details. The cost is £499 plus insurance plus transport. It is half-board and we will fly from East Midlands. I need at least twenty-five people to be able to run it." *Noel Harris.*

**Missing! From the Parish Centre:**

- 3 saucepans
- 20 tablecloths
- 40 blue mugs
- 20 white mugs
- 82 plates

If you know the whereabouts of any of these items, please return them as soon as possible - **there'll be an amnesty until Christmas!**

On a positive note, the extension cable has now been found and returned!

**Catechist Training:** Starting in January, Catechists will have the opportunity to undertake a foundation course in catechesis called the 'Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis'. The course will support and enable catechists to pass on the Catholic faith with effectiveness and confidence. One of the three locations for the course is Ss Peter & Paul's on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. There are twelve sessions running approximately once a fortnight. Details are available in a leaflet available in the sacristy. The costs of the course will be paid for by the parish, although donations are welcome. Catechists are strongly encouraged to attend if possible. It is a fantastic opportunity for training and support and will be run locally. Once forms have been completed and endorsed by Fr Tom, please leave in the Parish Office marked for the attention of Sr Eileen.

**Parish Magazine:** The Parish Herald is on sale (pick up a copy from the porch). The suggested donation to cover printing costs is £1. Deacon Simon has contributed the feature article on his recent pilgrimage to Jordan. Also included are articles from some of our parish groups, Ss Peter and Paul School and individual parishioners. The magazine includes some snippets to - hopefully - make you smile and Christmas activities for the children. Thanks go to everybody who submitted items for the publication. A few pieces have been saved for the next edition.

## Mission 2012

**Parish Group People:  
The Response Group**

Tony Rowlett

Brought up in Leicester and moved to Lincoln in 1959. Tony married Ann in 1970 in St. Hugh's Church, they have two sons: Christopher and Nicholas. He has worked at Rowlett's Jewellers and formerly the Lincoln Coin Centre since 1965. He has been involved in the Parish in a number of activities including The Gala, the Choir, Marriage Preparation and in particular the Response group. The Response group was formed in 1982 as a direct response to the visit to England of Pope John Paul 11. The group meet in one another's houses once a month and share their faith, socialise and raise money for Albania their chosen charity. Meet Tony in the Parish Centre on Sunday 8th January and find out more about the Response Group. His little exhibition will be the first of what we hope will be several displays about the groups in our parish throughout 2012 in connection with our Parish Mission.



# Dates for your Diary

## First Holy Communion Course:

We have NO CLASSES on Saturdays 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December due to school holidays but resume on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 10am until 11.30am as usual.

Any queries please contact Rita on 01522 801630 or stanley.davis@ntlworld.com

**Youth Sunday Mass** is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Planning and practice will be at 9am in the Parish Centre; toast, nutella and jam will be provided.

## Baptism Course:

The next course begins in January, it will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> January and conclude on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish to have your child baptised please contact the Parish Office for an application form.

## CAMEO:

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, is the first meeting of 2012. Tom Scanlon will entertain us playing his guitar and singing well-known and favourite songs. We can expect a light-hearted afternoon to brighten a January day. Time as usual 2.00 to 4.30 in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.

# Please remember in your prayers . . .

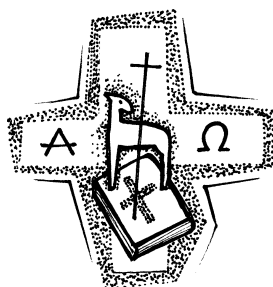
Please pray for all the sick of our community, especially: Joan Greenfield, Debbie McDonnell, Christine Ward, C J Brown, Ian Whyte, Sr Mary Swaby, Sheila Leon, Kathleen Braddley, Margaret Carter, Sheila Phillips, John Crevison, Steve Scully, Mark Barrett, Rose Cole, Kerry Clifton, Freda Magee, Halina Juszczuk, Ellen Blackledge, Terry Wall, baby Emily Clare, Mike Glover, Lillian Loftus, Sabina Czerniak, Mrs D'Alessandro, Anna Barron, John Hobson, Kathleen Swinbank, Barrie Morris, Karen Foreman, Grant Edens, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Julia Bogg, John Hughes,



Martin McDonnell, Joyce Ward, Lucy O'Reilly, Terri Fairweather, Eric Ward, Charles Wyatt, Sean Hogan, Catherine Lamb, Rozy Ingham, Dorothy Ward, Bethany Mickleburgh, May Hollingsworth, Mary McNulty, Bridget Matuszewsky, Bobby Doherty and Sr Agnes.

Please remember all those of our family, friends and parish community who have anniversaries occurring at this time, and all those who have died recently, Sr Theresa Ratnayake and Harry Travers.

**May they rest in God's eternal peace!**



## Community Larder

**ARE IN DESPERATE NEED** of all food items due to an increased demand from local families.

**They are really struggling to meet the higher demand.**

**Please remember the Community Larder when you do your weekly shop.**

**There is a letter of thanks in the Parish Office for you from the Food Larder.**

## Ministries: this week and next week

Readers	25 Dec	-	-	-
	1 Jan	G Naylor	P & B McCarthy	K Yates
	8 Jan	S Collingham	C Scanlon	Young People
Coffee	25 Dec	No coffee on Christmas Day		
	1 Jan	Lady Chapel Redecoration		
	8 Jan	RCIA		
Cleaners	25 Dec	Team D P Alnutt, M McAllister, F O'Donnell, H Belbin, B Jinny, C Palmer		
	1 Jan	Team A A O'Neill, G Grindley, M Pearman, J Power, M Robinson, J Murphy		
	8 Jan	Team B C Scanlon, D Rooney, T & A Rowlett, M Gavin, J Rasdall, M Strickson		
Footsteps	25 Dec	No footsteps on Christmas Day		
	1 Jan	TBA		
	8 Jan	TBA		

# Christmas Quiz

## CAN YOU FIND THIRTY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS PARAGRAPH?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it that she mentioned it to her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, the chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, 'The books are right here in plain view hidden from sight.' Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

*Answers in the new year*



What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude  
Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

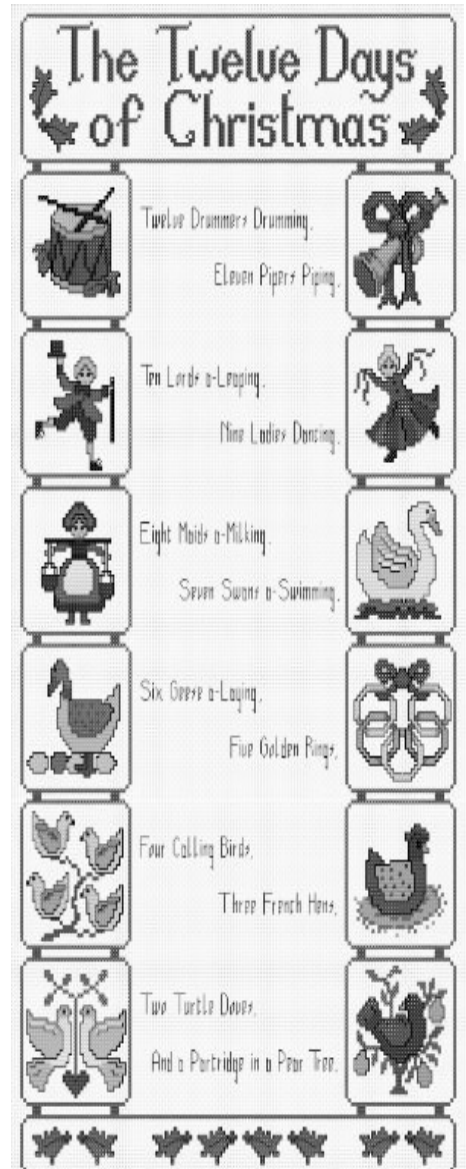
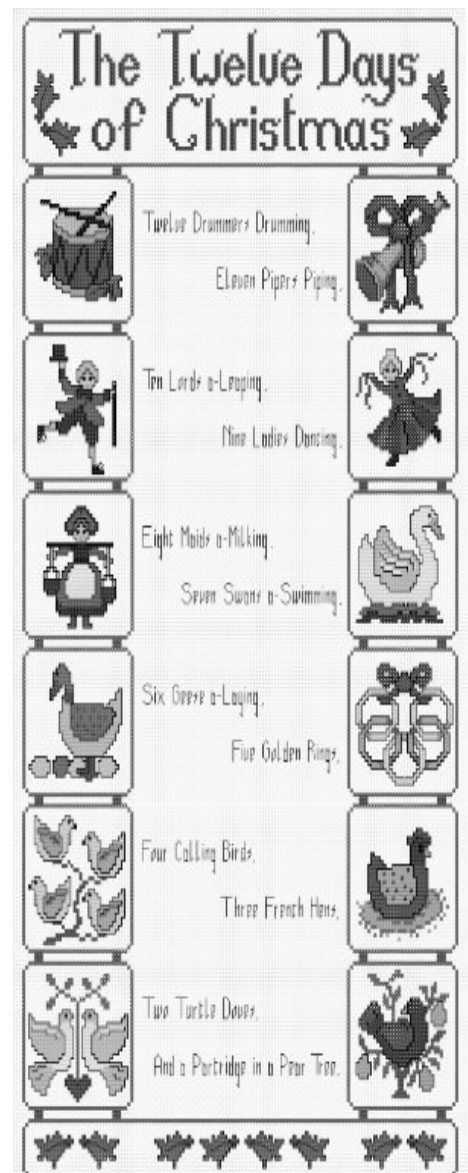
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,  
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



# The Order of Mass

## Confiteor

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God. *or*

Priest Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All For we have sinned against you.

Priest Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All And grant us your salvation.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Readings

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

**and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,

who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in  
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

May the Lord accept  
the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again. *or*

When we eat this Bread  
and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again. *or*

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## Communion Rite

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Priest The peace of the Lord  
be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Deacon Let us offer each other  
the sign of peace.

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.

## Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son,  
+ and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Deacon Go forth,  
the Mass is ended. *or*  
Go and announce the  
Gospel of the Lord. *or*  
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. *or*  
Go in peace.

All Thanks be to God.

# These weeks' Liturgies

Weekend Saturday 24	5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm 11.30pm	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass - Katie McCoy remembered Carols and Midnight Mass - John & Margaret O'Boyle	Is 9:1-6. Ps 95. Tit 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Is 62:11-12; Ps 96; Tit 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Sunday 25 December	9.00am 11.00am	Jimmy Williams RIP People of the Parish	Is 52:7-10; Ps 97; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Monday 26 December	10.00am	<b>Feast of St Stephen, Proto-Martyr</b> P & B McCarthy - Wedding Anniversary (love from C, J & D)	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59; Ps 30; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday 27 December	10.00am	<b>Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Laurie Reynolds RIP	1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 96; John 20:2-8
Wednesday 28 December	10.00am After Mass 10.30am	<b>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> Mrs Mary Anne Solomon RIP (anniversary) Tea / coffee in the Parish Centre - Fr Vincent's Water Appeal Sacrament of Reconciliation	1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 123; Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday 29 December	10.00am	<b>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b> Thomas & Mary Shaw	Colossians 1:24-29; Psalm 22; Luke 22:24-30
Friday 30 December	10.00am	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> C J Brown (Recovery to health)	Sirach 3:3-7.14-17; Psalm 127; Luke 2:22-40
Saturday 31 December	9.30am 10-10.30am 3.30pm	<b>Christmas Feria</b> The Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Baptism of Georgia Rose McCooley	1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 95; John 1:1-18
Weekend Saturday 31 December Sunday 1 January 2012	5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Jim Tiernan RIP People of the Parish James Keay (died 11.09.11)	Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Monday 2 January	9.30am 7.00pm	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors</b> Joan Phillips RIP Philomena Ward RIP (anniversary)	1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 97; John 1:19-28
Tuesday 3 January	9.30am 7.00pm	<b>Christmas Feria</b> Annie Quinn - (get well) The Parish	1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 97; John 1:29-34
Wednesday 4 January	9.30am After Mass 10.00am	<b>Christmas Feria</b> Jim Bush RIP (First anniversary) Tea / coffee in the Parish Centre - Fr Vincent's Water Appeal Sacrament of Reconciliation	1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 97; John 1:35-42
Thursday 5 January	9.30am	<b>Christmas Feria</b> Debbie McDonnell (ill)	1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 99; John 1:43-51
Friday 6 January	9.30am	<b>Christmas Feria</b> Helen Osgerby	1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147; Mark 1:7-11
Saturday 7 January	9.30am 10-10.30am	<b>Christmas Feria</b> Patrick O'Neill RIP (anniversary 21.12.11) Sacrament of Reconciliation	1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149; Matthew 4:12-17.23-25
Weekend Saturday 7 January Sunday 8 January	5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Francis Joseph McGuinness RIP (fifth anniversary) Mike & Nelly Barrett People of the Parish	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 Matthew 2:1-12



May you all enjoy a blessed Christmas

and peace in the New Year

Father Tom, Father Michael, Deacon Simon and Sister Eileen