

**Weekday Masses 25th – 30th Dec. 2017**  
All times for week noted below

	<b>CELEBRATION</b>		<b>INTENTION</b>
M	) THE NATIVITY OF ) THE LORD Solemnity ) A Holy Day of obligation	Midnight 10AM	THE PARISH Our families, relatives & friends
T	S. Stephen proto-martyr feast	10am	The world's destitute
W	ST JOHN Evangelist Parish Co-patron Solemnity	7.30pm only	For our Congregation
Th	Holy Innocents Martyrs feast	10am	Save The Children
F	S. Thomas Becket Bishop-martyr feast	10am	The English parish clergy
S	Of the Christmas Octave feast	10am	The Emergency Services

**Weekday Offices vary this week. Check Bridge Magazine**

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS WEEK .....**

**Persecuted & Refugee peoples** esp. fellow Christians  
**The Sick:** Arthur Blacknell, Dudley Clark, Sylvie Coffin, Pamela Ford, Sharon Newman, Ian Paternoster, Winnie Penney, Dorne, Jackie, Michael & Ann, *the housebound chronically ill and the dying.*

**+RIP:** Karen Sheppard, Tony Balzan, Bob Underhay, Vera Croker, **+RIP Anniversaries:** 24<sup>th</sup>-John Newton, Janette Rayner, 25<sup>th</sup>-Frederick Godwin, 26<sup>th</sup>-Joan Wood, Janet Gomme, 28<sup>th</sup>-John Rich, Nora Mahy, Mary-Annie Glendinning, 29<sup>th</sup>-Charles Townsend, 30<sup>th</sup>-Marion Rootes, Isabel ('Babs') Whittaker

*Please NOTE: The Sick / RIP lists are completely revised AFTER the first Sunday of each month*

**REQUESTS/RENEWALS MUST BE MADE VIA THE INTERCESSION BOX**

The shrine lamps are sponsored this week in memory of Joan Faith Wood +RIP 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2005 and Charles Robert Townsend +RIP 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2013

**CRIB & Christingle SERVICE – XMAS EVE – 5PM**

**MONDAY (25<sup>th</sup> Dec.) CHRISTMAS DAY**

12 MIDNIGHT-*The Midnight Mass Intention: The Parish*

10 AM-*The Day Mass Intention: Our families & relations*

FROM DEC. 25th - JAN.1st : MASS IS AT 10.AM EXCEPT

**S.JOHN'S DAY:** Patron of the Parish Church

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Solemn Mass 7.30pm

**NO morning mass**

If you are going away over the next week or so please ensure any rota duties are covered by someone else.

**Next Week Holy Family Sunday 31st Dec. '17**

9.15<sup>am</sup> Morning Prayer 6.00<sup>pm</sup> Evening Prayer

**10AM Solemn Mass (No evening mass)**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 10am (Said)**

**NEXT COFFEE n CONVERSATION – SAT 6 JAN 2018**

**Xmastide Confession after any Mass or by appointment**

PARISH READER Mr Simon Walker Evening only: 07794-523179

~ THE PARISH ~ Mrs Helen Walker Evening only: 07528-472686

CHURCHWARDENS Mrs Val. Laurens 01474-823423

HALL ENQUIRIES Mrs Julie Healey Evening only: 01474-822008

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**SAINT JOHN'S, HIGHAM**

Parish of Higham with Merston

Diocese of Rochester, Church of England.

*Under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Richborough*

Parish Bulletin - Week Beginning:

**Sunday 24th December 2017**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

Christmas Eve



8.45am Morning Prayer *said*

9.30am **THE PARISH MASS** *sung*

**BEFORE SOLEMN MASS**

A blessing prayer is said over the Advent wreath with this response: **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The 4th advent candle is lit:* A short prayer follows.

Please keep the **SILENCE** until the first hymn

**Music at Solemn Mass**

**Hymns: New English Hymnal**

Entrance: 15

Offertory: 11

Communion: 14

Recessional: 3

**Acclamation 2 – When we eat ...**

**TONIGHT**

5.00pm Christmas Eve Crib Service

6.15pm Evening Prayer I of Xmas *said*

*Christmas Day and Octave Services - See Back Page*

*Welcome to S.John's if you're visiting:*

*Please join us for refreshments after Mass*

**JNR. CHURCH (5-11yr old) IS HELD IN THE HALL.**

*Under-5's may attend IF accompanied by an adult*

**LARGE PRINT AVAILABLE**

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