



in excelsis deo!

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace  
within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high;  
Who with the Spirit worshipped and adored;  
With all the heavenly host we glorify.**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We shall be celebrating this Feast next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January as well as the Confirmation of **Peter Wrathall**. Please pray for him as he prepares for this great day. We shall also bless Chalk and distribute it so that we can use it to mark the doorways of our homes with the traditional Epiphany Blessing at the beginning of 2018.

### EPIPHANY GIFTS

Please visit the Epiphany Crib and, with the Magi, worship the Christ Child. Once again you will find a selection of envelopes, each indicating a different altar supply & its cost which you are invited to sponsor. In this way you can make a gift in the spirit of the Magi and in thanks for the year past and the year ahead.

### EPIPHANY LUNCH

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January following the 12 noon Mass**

This will be a **BRING & SHARE LUNCH** in the Church Hall. If you wish to come, please put your name on the list which is on the table at the back of church & indicate the food you are offering to bring.

### A Message of Thanks

On behalf of all the clergy who serve both St Laurence's & Holy Trinity, please accept much gratitude for the many cards and gifts received this Christmas. This is enormously kind and generous, as well as wonderfully encouraging! On a personal note, my thanks for your thoughts, prayers and good wishes during the last fortnight. *Fr Roger*

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## The Parish Church of St Laurence, Long Eaton

31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### THE HOLY FAMILY



**9.30am Parish Mass**

**Green Hymn Book**

**Entrance Hymn - 31**

**Gloria - see words opposite**

**Offertory Hymn - 32**

**Communion Hymn - 184**

**Final Hymn - 39**

#### Collect

Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home

#### First Reading

Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3

#### Response to the Psalm

He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

#### Second Reading

Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

#### Gospel Acclamation

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

#### Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept this sacrifice and through the prayers OF Mary, the virgin Mother of God, and of her husband Joseph, unite our families in peace and love.



#### Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men

#### Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in peace with you and one another. May this communion strengthen us to face the troubles of life.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Holy Name of Jesus**

10.00am Mass

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

12 noon Mass

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

9.30am Parish Mass

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction