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Services & Intentions to 9th February.
Sunday 2nd 10.00 Presentation of the Lord.
Hugh O Reilly. Anniv. Anita Donnelly.
The Bannerton family and extended family.
Friday 9.30. School Mass.
Sunday 9th. 10.00. 5th Sunday Year C.
Martin Mc Tiernan. Felix Harten.
Pat Hodnett. Monica Green.

Order of Service- .
 Prayers and Readings as Missalette
Preface of the Presentation,
Eucharistic Prayer 3.
 Hymns/music.
 Hymn. 301. Immortal Invisible.
 Hymn. 348. lead kindly light..
 Hymn. 183. forth in the peace of Christ we go.

Jubilee Year

Con McHugh is a parishioner of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He is working on a video project as part of the Jubilee Year.

Over the coming months a series of short videos by Con will explore each of the Jubilee themes:

1. *Care for Creation* 2. *Food Poverty* 3. *Modern Slavery* 4. *Managing Debt*
5. *Forgiveness* 6. *Rest and Worship*

In the first video - *Care for Creation* - we listen to **Fr Rob Taylerson** reflect on the need to live sustainably and to make good choices to care for the earth.

Fr Rob is a priest of the Archdiocese and a member of staff at St Mary's College, Oscott, a seminary where priests are trained.

Before becoming a priest, Fr Rob was an agricultural scientist and taught in agricultural colleges. He wanted to help feed the world!

Born in the mid-1950s, with a world population of 2.8 billion, roughly 1 in 4 of the world's population went to bed hungry, without having had a substantial meal that day. By 2027 the world population will be 8.4 billion and the world's population will have trebled in his lifetime, with the world's food production having roughly quadrupled, now 1 in 8 people on earth go to bed hungry. It is still too many but the progress in feeding the hungry of the world has been far beyond anything imaginable 70 years ago.

Celebrating Marriage.

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage.

To be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Mass will be followed by light refreshments.

Registration for this event is now open. **The deadline for booking is Sunday 13 April.**

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love and commitment. Last year (2024) the commemorative Mass booklet listed 60 couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, all the way up to 73 years, along with one couple preparing to marry. Many other couples also participated. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Opening the Doors to Freedom from Human Trafficking on **Thursday 6 February**, 7pm - 8.30pm.

With - Brian O'Toole, who is a member of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), Act to Prevent Trafficking (APT Ireland) and the Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking in Europe (RENATE) and Talitha Kum. At this event you will learn a little more about the insidious issue of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the UK and importantly what we can do as "*Pilgrims of Hope*" during this Jubilee Year to help victims of Human Trafficking as we shine a light on this important issue.

Register for any of these Events via birminghamdiocese.org.uk