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<p>ng Bank details:</p> <p>1782817</p>	<p><b>SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:</b> Please keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish. Also please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Please let the office know of any parishioners you are aware of who would like to receive Holy Communion at home and arrangements will be made for a Minister to bring them Holy Communion and a visit by Canon Stanley can be arranged for confession.</p> <p><b>Collections:</b> St Hugh: 25/12 - £128.65, 28/12 £145.04 + SO £105.62  St Thomas More: 25/12 - £187.71, 28/12 £100.27 + SO £119.29  St Teresa: 25/12 - £926.11, 28/12 £326.93 + SO £335.38</p>

<p>il Mass on a Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with the Priest</p>	
<p><b>GOD IS WORD MADE FLESH DWELLING AMONGST US</b></p>	
	<p>The opening line of St John's Gospel resounds throughout the Church this weekend:</p> <p><i>In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God.</i></p>
P	<p>It is one of the most famous openings of any of the books in the Bible, and it is a truism that the opening line of any piece of writing is one of the most important, because it has to grab the attention of the reader. And it certainly does that for me as I hope it does for us all, because it is profound in its meaning, as the writer unfolds for us the mystery of the Incarnation.</p>
	<p>Throughout this Christmas Season our minds are focussed on the coming of Jesus in the flesh. The familiar stories of Matthew and Luke have shaped our thoughts, and we take from their accounts an image of the baby born to Mary, lying in the manger, being cared for and loved as we would do for any newborn. It is an image that fills our Christmas Cards and our carols, and we treasure the pictures that flow therefrom. But we can remain stuck within the mindset of the manager and sometimes omit from our thoughts the radical reality of what has taken place within the event itself, namely the coming of Jesus as the Logos, the Word of God. This is what John, with his prologue to the gospel wants us to think about. Of course, both Matthew and Luke will, in their accounts, bring forth the divinity of Jesus as they progress their story, and it is true to say that within their birth and infancy narratives, the divinity of Jesus is never overlooked. John though, has placed the immensity of this reality not simply from the beginning of his earthly life but from the realms of the beginning of creation itself.</p>
	<p>What then does this mean and imply for us? Many people are inclined to look at Jesus and class him as an ethical teacher, a man of great gifts, a leader of immense charisma, but still someone who lived and died two thousand years ago and therefore he was no better or no worse than any of the other great religious founders and leaders that existed before him or who came after him. He was, they would say, just one amongst many. What John in his gospel reveals, is something much more profound than this. By grasping the revealed insight that in Jesus' life and death, and resurrection, God himself has made his living presence tangible and physical for us. Jesus has opened for humanity the awesome knowledge and truth that God dwelt and continues to dwell with us, as Father Son and Holy Spirit. And this truth is what is unfolded by John's narrative, from the Prologue through to the Epilogue of his majestic work.</p>
	<p>True, the incarnation came at a particular moment in time, but its presence through the divine life of the Trinity was always and still is effective in the world. Jesus stands apart from us all as an immense challenge and invitation. An invitation which John presents before us in his writing with a unique pathway into an encounter of grace and truth, which Jesus offers to all humanity. As Christians we open our lives to accept the challenge and to take up the invitation of the Divine Word, to pitch his tent within us.</p>
	<p><b>Deacon Anthony</b></p>

**Dear Beloved Parishioners of All Saints Parish,**

As we step into this New Year, we give thanks to Almighty God for His unfailing love, protection, and grace that have carried us through the past year. Every day, every breath, and every victory is a testimony of God's faithfulness in our lives as individuals, families, and as a parish community.

The New Year stands before us as a gift—full of hope, promise, and new opportunities. We are reminded that God goes ahead of us, ordering our steps and lighting our path. Whatever challenges or uncertainties may arise, we trust that the Lord who has begun a good work in us will bring it to fulfilment.

**Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your families.  
With prayers and blessings.**

*Unique to Matthew's Gospel the coming of the Magi is a glorious exposition of the gentile world acknowledging the presence of the Divine in the infant Jesus born to Mary. They follow the star as it guides them to their destination and present their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The encounter changes them and they return to their homeland different people.*



*A copy of the recommended works is now available from the back of church.*

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***The Welcome Table will re-open after the Christmas break on Friday 9th January at St Thomas More from 12.30pm until 2.00pm***