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**FEAST OF THE HOLY
FAMILY
Year A**

**28th December 2019 –
5th January 2020**

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

**Today's Mass
Readings**

**Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,
12-14; Ps 127;
Colossians 3: 12-21;
Matthew 2: 3-15, 19– 23**

JOSEPH TOOK JESUS AND MARY AND ESCAPED INTO EGYPT

The Holy Family would be classed today as refugees, as they were fleeing their country to avoid persecution. They were without any welfare facilities or social services. Joseph would have had to work to earn his keep and support his family. We have no information as to how he managed, but it would not have been easy to survive in an alien land. Joseph was a carpenter and no doubt found work in this trade. Joseph remains silent, as he does throughout the Scripture, and quietly but manfully shoulders the responsibilities which God had entrusted to him. The Scripture quoted by Matthew is from the prophet Hosea Ch. 11. "I called my Son out of Egypt". The Holy Family returned to their land but when Joseph found Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea, he was afraid and being warned in a dream, he left for Galilee and settled in Nazareth thus fulfilling the words of the prophets. "He will be called a Nazarene". "Father, help us to live as the Holy Family did, united in respect and love". Amen.

DEACON TERRY

*Wishing you all a very happy New Year!
From Br Andrew, Deacon Terry,
Fr Vincent, Payal And Parish Office
Staff.*

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Anna Kennedy, Harold Johnson, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Millicent Finn, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Bryn & Bridie Howells, James Farren, Owen McCann, Doris Roarty and all those who have died recently. We also remember Rene Doano, Elizabeth Long, John Collins, Chris Griffin, Nora Yates, Winnie Higgins, Gladys Barnes, Winifred O'Gara, Cicely Farrell, Mary Parkes, Conan & Edward Ferris, Charles Donaghey, John Toner, William Shannon, Mary Moane, Annie Venencia, Frances Bell, Paul Shaw, Mary Harborne, Anthony Brennan, Brenda McGuirk and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Bryn & Bridie Howells is on Friday 3rd January 2020 at 10:00am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 11:30am.

Requiem Mass for James Farren is on Friday 10th January 2020 at 11:30am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm.

VOBIS GRATIAS AGO - THANK YOU

As we welcome the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us (Sacred Heart Community) your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2019. I would like to say a big Thank You to all those members of different groups of the parish who have helped me in so many different ways during this year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and Liturgy, especially at Christmas. Also the Sacred Heart Community would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in our parish community for your Christmas cards, Christmas offering, prayers, presents, support and help. Deacon Terry also shares with us a word of thanksgiving for all the Christmas cards and gifts received. Finally, may we wish you a very Happy and Peaceful and Prosperous New Year 2020. 2

This Week 28th December - 5th January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10:00am Samantha Madden & Family 12:30pm Michael Freeman RIP	
Sunday 29th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Retiring Collection for Parish Building Fund	8:30am James Brogan RIP 10:30am Ints. Of Connor's Family	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. (Scouts)
Monday 30th December Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Susanna Sullivan	
Tuesday 31st December Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas	9:15am Mass in Church - Ann Rogers	



Happy New Year



Wednesday 1st January Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God	11:30am People of the Parish	
Thursday 2nd January Memorial of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Doctors of the Church	9:15am Seamus Finnerty	
Friday 3rd January Feast of Most Holy Name of Jesus	10:30am Requiem Mass for Bryn & Bridie Howells	
Saturday 4th January Christmas Feria	10:00am Mary King 12:30 pm Patrick Logan RIP	
Sunday 5th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Retiring Collection for Church Maintenance	8:30am Celeste Doyle 10:30am Peter Hayward RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. C.A.M.P(Helena Hammond) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.

Loose Money:

£ 441.60

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£ 316.83

**Christmas Flowers
& Decorations:**

£ 276.18

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 345**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

HOLY NAME KEEP FIT GROUP

This exercise group will be closed for Christmas. It will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Many thanks.

OUR PARISH CENTRE

We need your support. For bookings contact Jackie Mooney on 0745 552 6003 holynameparishcentre.wix.com/event

Next Sunday's Mass

Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Ps 71;

**Ephesians 3:2 - 3,
5-6;**

Matthew 2:1-12.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Please collect your New Eucharistic Minister Rota, starting from January 4th, from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

TRANSPORT TO MASS

The S.V.P. are looking to see if there is a demand to provide a minibus, or similar, to bring parishioners to and from Mass. We need to know how many people would be interested in this free service, their location and preferred Mass time in order to obtain quotations. Would people interested in taking advantage of this service please contact the Parish office in the first instance. Please let anyone you know, who has difficulty getting to Mass, that we hope to introduce the service in the New Year if there is sufficient response.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Children's Liturgy group is now closed for Christmas. It will re-open on Sunday 12th January 2020. We wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to be part of this Liturgy group.

THIS IS YOUR CHURCH - HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Encourage others to join your parish - invite someone to Mass, such as a young family from your school.
2. Pray for the spread of good news across our Archdiocese.
3. Remember Your Church in a will or bequest.
4. Help your parish on a finance or fundraising committee.
5. Consider increasing your regular offertory donation.
6. Make a Gift Aid declaration, if you are a UK tax payer.