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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

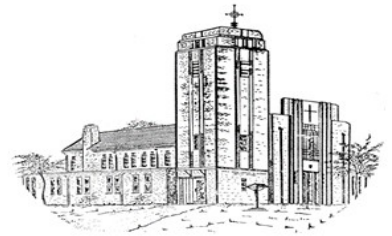
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Today's Mass Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6,
12-14; Ps 127;
Colossians 3:12-21;
Luke
2:41-52

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C

25th December 2021 to
2nd January 2022

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

Listen to God during Mass

Talk to others after Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The time between Christmas and New Year is often family time, a good time to think about what family means. The family remains the natural cradle of human life. In the family, life is given, received, lived and enjoyed in love. Life actualises its true meaning through family. God also affirmed and blessed this fount of life by willing that His Eternal Son be born in the true human family of Mary and Joseph. God concretely entered into our history and He did that in a way that is very much comprehensible to all of us, in the Family of Nazareth.

The Gospel Reading presents to us the story of this beautiful family and the subtle manifestations of the great mystery of Incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ. This is summarised in the fifth of the Five Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, the finding of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. The Holy Family of Jesus was truly a human family confronted by the tensions of life with worries and uncertainties. This was recaptured in the words of Mary to Jesus **“My Child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you?”** This reveals that just like in all families, there are tensions, worries and uncertainties. There is no family that is free of problems and challenges.

Mary and Joseph spent time searching for the child Jesus. This action or image is common in our gospels throughout this Christmas season. Many were in search of baby Jesus – the shepherds, the Magi, and now Mary and Joseph themselves. Each of them was not complete until the child Jesus was present. Jesus was the centrepiece in each of their stories and in each of their journeys. On this feast of the Holy Family, we are invited as individual families, and as a community, to examine what is really essential in fulfilling our mission. This why Pope Saint John Paul II wrote that **“the Holy Family is the prototype and example for all Christian families and the model and spiritual source for every Christian family.”**

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2022!

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Bernadette O'Reilly, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember, Matthew Harrington, Billy Fitzgerald, Mary Ridley, Patricia Mullen, Rene Doano, Elizabeth Long, John Collins, Chris Griffin, Nora Yates, Winnie Higgins, Gladys Barnes, Winifred O'Gara, Cicely Farrell, Mary Parkes, Conan and Edward Ferris Charles Donaghey, John Toner, William Shannon, Mary Moane, Annie Venencia, Frances Bell, Paul Shaw, Mary Harborne, Anthony Brennan, Brenda McGuire, Bryn and Bridie Howells and all those whose anniversary occur at this time.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for your extremely generous response to this year's Appeal. The SVP took their gifts to St. John Bosco and St. Mark's School where they were received with delight.

St. Chad's Sanctuary were overwhelmed by your generosity which will allow them to give a Christmas Present to all their people.

Thank you so much for bringing Joy this Christmas to some of those most in need.



READERS AND MINISTERS

The new Rotas for Readers and Ministers are now available from the Church Porch. If any existing readers and ministers would like to re-join the rota please let the Parish Office know.

This Week Saturday 25th December – Sunday 2nd January	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass of the Dawn 10:30am Mass During the Day	
Sunday 26th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	8:30 am People of the Parish 10:30 am For Altar Servers	
Monday 27th December Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist,	10:00 am - Varkey Scaria RIP Private Mass	
Tuesday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10:00 am - Penny Rhodes RIP Private Mass	
Wednesday 29th December Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	11:30 am Ints of Marie McNally	
Thursday 30th December Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10:00 am - Grace Deane Private Mass	
Friday 31st December Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	11:30 am Ints of Andrew Finley	

A Happy & Prosperous New Year

Saturday 1st January Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	12:30pm Ints of Joe and Gusia McNally	
Sunday 2nd January Second Sunday After The Nativity	8:30 am Josie Deasy RIP 10:30 am Ints of Simi Gordhan	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£458.68**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£124.50**

**Leaving Collection
for Fr. Vincent and
Br. Andrew :
£1000.00**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
November
£1797.50**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 194
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Ecclesiasticus
24:1-2,8-12; Ps 147;
Ephesians
1:3-6,15-18; John
1:1-18

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES - PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- Face coverings must be worn.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building;
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

Thank You!

As we welcome the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us in the Sacred Heart Community your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2021. 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 uncertain and challenging year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and the 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. Finally, may we wish you a very happy, peaceful, prosperous and healthy New Year 2022.

Fr. Vincent SCJ.