



Parish Bulletin

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Sunday Cycle A

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday December 29  Colossians 1:24-29; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5;
Saint Thomas Becket, Luke 22:24-30.
Bishop, Martyr (feast) **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

Tuesday December 30  1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96(95):7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R11a;
6th day within the octave Luke 2:36-40.
of Christmas **9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**
(No Cuppa Club meeting today)

Wednesday Dec. 31  1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96(95):1-2. 11-12a. 12b-13b. 13cd.
7th day within the octave R11a; John 1:1-18.
of Christmas **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

Thursday January 1  Numbers 6:22-27; Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6. 8. R2a;
Mary, the Holy Mother of Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.
God (solemnity) **10:00AM Mass, Holy Family**

Friday January 2  Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1;
Ss Basil the Great and Matthew 23:8-12.
Gregory Nazianzen, **8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**
Bishops, Doctors of the **9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**
Church (No Bible study meeting today)

Saturday January 3  1 John 2:29-3:6; Ps 98(97):1. 3c-4. 5-6. R3cdd;
Weekday of Christmas John 1:29-34.
**11:00-11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.**
12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday January 4  Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12; Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R
2nd Sunday after John 1:14; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18; John 1:1-18.
Christmas **9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.**
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning
Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please
speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamaria O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude and Mary Jowes.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Karen Kassam, Sam McLellan, John White, Adele Fitzpatrick. Vincent Earl, Philip Crosby, Joan Scott and Adrienne Young.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: John Raleigh, William Woods. Harry Bridgen, Bernadette Crichton, William & Caroline Power, and Tommy & Nora O'Brien.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Angela Crichton in memory of her mother, Bernadette Crichton.

Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the deaths of:

Julie Bill, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, January 7 at 11:45am, followed by cremation at Hollinwood Cemetery, 1:00pm.

Samuel McLellan, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, January 9 at 1:15pm.

Patricia Fitzgerald, whose funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, January 13 at 12 noon, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 12:45pm.

Adele Fitzpatrick, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's

Church on Wednesday, January 14, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 1:15pm.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Recesses during the Christmas Period

The Cuppa Club will be in recess on December 30, resuming on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Bible Study will be in recess on January 2, resuming on Friday, January 9.

Yoga classes will be in recess on Thursday, January 1, resuming on Thursday, January 8.

Mass on New Year's Day

On Thursday January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God), Mass will be celebrated at **Holy Family Church, 10:00am.**

Crib Offerings

The *Friends of the Holy Land* are appealing for support this Christmas, by encouraging parishes to nominate the charity as the beneficiary of their crib offerings. We ask, therefore, that you donate generously.

Proceeds from Recent Parish Activities

The St Mary's Christmas Raffle raised £1,135.00.

The St Mary's Christmas Fayre raised £1909.05.

The Catenians Raffle raised £363.00. The proceeds were used to fund Christmas parcels for members of the community of the Parish of the Nativity.

Many thanks to the organizers, and to all who participated.

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 536

Once in royal David's city

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and
sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,**

(Striking breast:)

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.**

Kýrie Eléison

All sing together:

**Kýrie, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.
Christe eléison². Christe eléison.
Christe eléison, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.**

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ Lord, have mercy.

² Christ, have mercy.

GLORIA

(Sung)

Refrain:

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory
to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

(Refrain)

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only
Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father,
you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

(Refrain)

**3. For you alone are the Holy
One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
*(Refrain) Amen, amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

*'He who fears the Lord honours his
parents.'*

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins,

and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

All sing the response:



Ble-ssèd are all who



fear the LORD, and



walk in his ways.

- 1 Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.
- 2 Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
- 4 Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper all the
days of your life!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: May the peace of Christ reign
in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find
a home with you.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.'

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CREED

All say together:

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined
words that follow)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son
is adored and is glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 601

See, amid the winter's snow

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the
Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy

All sing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We conclude the prayer together, by singing:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

All sing together:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HYMN

R *Ubi caritas est vera, est vera:
Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.*

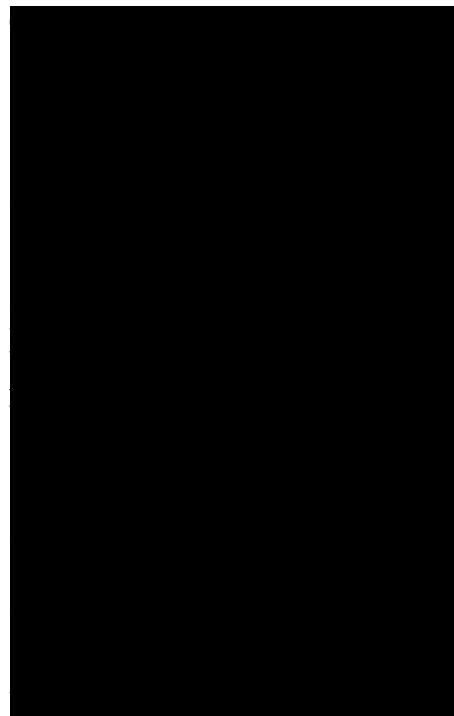
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Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.**

HYMN 622

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

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