

PRAYER TO THE CREATOR

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.
(Pope Francis, Fratelli tutti)

MASS ROSTER

Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Music	Minister	Minister	Data
9-Jan	5:30pm	McGovern	Mullins	Adams	Goonan T	Maloney	Goonan
10-Jan	8:00am	Hollis	Friedlieb	Dewhirst	Volunteer	Burgess Peter	Brady
	10:am	Locke	Temple-Brown	Volunteer	Vanlierup	Baker	Moses
16-Jan	5:30pm	Munn	McGovern	Edis	Maloney	Goonan T	Moses
17-Jan	8:00am	Burgess	Brady	McAuliffe	Tooth	Harris	Volunteer
	10:am	Martens	Donebus	Dewhirst	Martens	Brown	Locke

LAST WEEKS COLLECTIONS INCLUDING DIRECT GIVING

1st Collection \$493.70 2nd Collection \$ 1,401.60
Christmas Collection \$1,778.10



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 2nd/3rd January 2021

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Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am. Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim, Terry Phegan, Camilla McLaughlin (Dublin). Dorothy Waterford, Frances Melloney Wade, Peter Koth, Sharon Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Gladys Walsh

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, , Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Joan Taylor, Gwen Castle. Danitsa Moses, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis.



THE EPIPHANY, YEAR B

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full, since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
That he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews!" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." "When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.

He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage."

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

A YEAR TO BEAR WITNESS TO FAMILY LOVE

As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love.

During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder "of the example of evangelizing with the family" as highlighted in his exhortation.

Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on "Amoris Laetitia" will be an opportunity "to focus more closely on the contents of the document."

"I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year and that will be coordinated by the **Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life,**" he added. "Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father."

The dicastery said that the goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to "become active agents of the family apostolate."

The commemoration will conclude June 26, 2022, "on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families in Rome," the dicastery said.

In his Angelus talk, the pope said that the Holy Family is a model in which "all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration." Through them, he said, "we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit; it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope."

Families can experience sincere communion when they live in prayer, when forgiveness prevails over discord and "when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will," he added.

"I would like to say something to you: If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace," the pope said. "And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help." (vaticannnews.va)