

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday

29th December, 2024

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing.

Today's Gospel (Lk 2:41-52) describes how Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve to make him "a son of the Law" [bar mitzvah] so that He might take on the obligations of the Mosaic Law. After telling us how the boy Jesus disappeared on the journey home and was only found by His frantic parents three days later in the Temple, today's Gospel explains how the Holy Family of Nazareth lived according to the will of God. They themselves obeyed all the Jewish laws and regulations and brought Jesus up in the same way, so that he "grew in wisdom as well as in the favour of God and men." Jesus' obedience to earthly parents flows directly from obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father.

### LIFE MESSAGE

1) **We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family:** The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that Jesus might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

2) **We need to make the family confessional rather than a courtroom.**

A senior Judge of the Supreme Court congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behaviour, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife – as in a confessional – are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one."



### Prayer for Christmas Season

**Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold His glory, and are bathed in its radiance. Amen**

**Anima Christi:**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.  
 O Good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.  
 From the wicked foe, defend me.  
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid  
 me come to you.  
 That with your saints I may praise you  
 For ever and ever.  
 Amen



**Mass Times**

Saturday 28 December	6:30pm	Intentions of Pat Cummins
Sunday 29 December	9:30 am 11:00pm	Nik Sivell Dorothy Follis
Monday 30 December	10:00am	Departed Members & in-laws of Gorman Family
Tuesday 31 December		No Mass
Wednesday 01 January MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD		No Mass
Thursday 02 January SS Basil the Great, P,D & Gregory Nazianzen, B,D		No Mass
Friday 03 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus		No Mass
Saturday 04 January	6,30pm	Margret Allman
Sunday 05 January	9,30am 11am	Parishioners

**Say your daily rosary for peace in the world**



**FOOD BANK:** The work of the foodbank continues to help people who are suffering from food poverty and experiencing crisis in their lives. It continues to be grateful for the help and support it receives from our community. With its collection points in the town's supermarkets and churches, it is able to ensure that those in need are supported.

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Maria Latty

Mass Offering for Christmas --

Standing orders-----£118.25

**Confession is before and after mass or at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke