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THE HOLY FAMILY (Year C) SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER 2018

The Holy Family is given as a model of all families. The mutual trust and respect they showed each other is something that we strive for in our nuclear families as well as the society in which we live and the family of humanity to which we belong. In all these families there are no strangers, only members.

1 January 2019: MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary is the Mother of God because she bore Jesus Christ. To call Mary the Mother of God reminds us of this: God is close to humanity, even as a child is close to the mother who bears him in her womb.

As we welcome the new year, it reminds us that it is usually a time of planning ahead, aspiring towards ideals, setting ambiguous targets and working to reach those ideals and achieve those targets. Some people decide to devote more time to their spouses and children... Others resolve to work more efficiently... Some students choose to study systematically and consistently... But life is not as simple as making New Year resolutions and effortlessly keeping them.

Christianity teaches us that we are unable to sustain our efforts to change our attitudes and improve our behaviour by us. We constantly need God's help and blessing. Otherwise all our efforts are ultimately doomed to failure. Thus it is appropriate to ask God's blessing on the New Year and on everything we undertake in the future and nurture them by prayer, longing for God in our life and spiritual exercise such as Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience. It also challenges us to be humble about our talents and achievements by reminding us that our happiness and well-being originate in God's infinite and unconditional love, which is the source of our life.

Wish you all a Happy Feast & New Year! -Fr Shaju

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

The Gloria

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

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 of the Father, have mercy on us. 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. Amen.'



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 127: 1-5

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R*

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *R.*

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

THE NICENE CREED

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, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *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 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

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

Behold the Lamb of God...

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

☆ **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:** A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped to celebrate this year's Christmas Celebrations with prayerfulness and festivities. Special thanks to **Children's Choir & Nativity Play and all those who prepared them.** Hard work of all other choirs, florists, welcomers and all those who helped in decorating the Church is greatly acknowledged. We also thank Filipino community who organised Simbáng Gabi celebrations.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Parish clergy would like to thank you all for your generous Christmas Offering, very many cards and gifts.

DAY WITH JESUS: The second Saturday of each month there is Recollection, Mass & Healing Prayers. The next one will be **SATURDAY 12th JANUARY** starting at **9.15am** with MORNING PRAYER, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a **SPECIAL MASS at 11am** followed by anointing of the sick and prayer over people. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or among friends please bring them with you.

FIRST COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion classes starts on **SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY AT 9.50AM** in the Parish Hall. The children and parents should attend this first session.

CONFIRMATION: parents meeting on Saturday 19th January at 11.15am and the classes for candidates starts on **SATURDAY 26th JANUARY AT 11.15AM** in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you very much for supporting the fund raising for the restorations works through the raffle. The winning ticket numbers: 1st (ticket number 1409), 2nd (8517), 3rd (3053), 4th (10778), 5th (10486), 6th (5320), 7th (4705), 8th (4872), 9th (4612) and 10th (9170).

NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS: We, as a Parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings each one of us and our families have received in 2018. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Monday 31st December and we begin the New Year with the Lord in the Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISH CHOIR: a big thanks to all our choir members who worked hard for the recoding of the Carols for Shalom TV. It was of a very high standard. Well done!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PARTY: Altar Servers at 3pm & Choir at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd January. All the Altar servers and choir members are invited.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2018: The last weekday Mass in 2018 at **6.30pm on Monday 31st December** will be a special Mass for all the dearly departed in 2018 in our family and amongst our friends. During the Mass the names of your loved ones who died this year will be read out.

As we have come to the end of the God given year 2018, the Parish Family wishes to say a thank you to all those who supported our community in various ways in this year. Thank you for your support to those who are saddened at the death of their loved one, your loving care for the sick & the housebound, comforting presence to those in loneliness, timely support to those who were in crisis and the helping hand to the needy, encouragement to the children & youth, compassion to the elderly etc. You all made a difference in our community: some by their silent prayers, some with their generosity, some with their gifts & talents and some with their very presence. As we acknowledge your valuable support and hard work, we wish to say a special thanks to the following:

**Altar Linen Cleaners *Altar Servers *Altar Servers Alb organisers *Catechists
*Cleaning Team *Communication Team *Coffee Morning Organisers *Children's Liturgy Team *Choirs & Music Organisers *Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & the Sick *Event Organisers *Flower Arrangers *Finance Committee *Gift Aid Administrators *Mass Coordinators
*Ministers of the word *Ministers of Welcoming *Money Counters *Mothers & Toddlers Group organisers *Outreach Group *Pastoral Council *Premises Team
*Rosary, Divine Mercy & Charismatic Prayer Groups *Sunday Collection & Offertory Organisers *Repairs & Maintenance helpers *Repository Team *Sacred Vessel cleaners *Sacristans *School Governors *SVP, Knights, Bible study group, 50+ club & Knitter Natter group *Tea & Coffee Team *Safeguarding Representative
*Social Committee *Votive Candle stand Cleaning Team *Web Master *Youth Group & Leaders.*

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Due to Fr Shaju being on his own, until further notice the Parish Open House on Fridays will be from **4.30pm-6pm**. The next Open House is **Friday 4th January**. **No appointment needed.**

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: at the beginning of 10.30am Mass on Sunday, all children, 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession to join for the Children's Liturgy.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is week 5 (Team 5) at 10am. Monday 31st December — New Year's Eve the Church cleaning will take place at 10am and not 7pm

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House**.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

Wish you all a Blessed Week!



TO BAPTISE A BABY: before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from 4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Next course will be on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

HOSPITAL VISITS: For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Marie D'Silva, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Raj Antonpillai, Gordon King.

Recently Deceased: NORAH DOHERTY

Anniversaries: Abena Bekoe, Olive Danials, Pamela Pengelly, Anastasia Oates, Patrick Mulroe, Mathaiparanam Tharmanesan, Ellen Poole, Una Conlon, Olga Maud, Baby Jaden Lagan-Joseph, Luisa Cassettari, Pasquale Aueta, Edward Wozniak, Michael Creegan, William Basilisco, Ianayat John, Maureen Clarke, Anourada Rajcoomar, Dominca Saminathar, Patrick Ahern, Nora Goss, Alice Lees, Imelda Nolan, John Fox, Elizabeth Digan, Emmanuel Okonkwo, Richard Sagoe, Quinto Cecchetti. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	29th & 30th December 2018	5th & 6th January 2019
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Merciell Austria, Nancy Biney	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue
10.30	Lola Lawrence, Anita Bennett	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose	Ian Johnston, Mikhaela Dayaday
18.30	Michael Lobo, Emie Roberts	Sally Canizo, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper
10.30	Ann Lusena, Skirkanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo, Rosemary Kanagaratnam	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Daisy Jhugroo	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley

Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 31st Dec @ 10am	Wk1: Mon 7th Dec @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was **£1,989.10** [Loose plate 40%; Gift Aid 60%]

Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 30th December THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Siva Subramanyan / W Ladyslaw RIP Rui Rodrigues Birthday Intentions Kate Neville RIP Patrick & Ellen Creedon RIP
Monday 31st December NEW YEAR'S EVE St Sylvester I	09.30 18.30 23.00 00.00	Mrs Malyns RIP Carmel Cremin RIP A 2018 Thanksgiving Service People of the Parish
Tuesday 1st January 2019 MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	09.30 18.30	Victoria & Patrick Loughran Maria Luiza Mascarenhas
Wednesday 2nd January Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	09.30 18:30	Mark Kaoru & Family Intentions Margaret O'Donnell
Thursday 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	09.30 18.30	Prendergast Family Souls Inayat John RIP
Friday 4th January Feria of Christmas Time	09.30 17.15 18.30	Sapiencia Maria Noronha RIP First Friday Holy Hour Adoration People of the Parish
Saturday 5th January Feria of Christmas Time	09.30 18.30	Annie Coyle RIP Michael Crowley
Sunday 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Pope Francis' Intentions Pipis Garcia-Luna Stephen Moylan RIP Mary Donovan Intentions

<p><u>Monday 31st December</u> Padre Pio Group (Closed until 14 Jan 19)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 1st January 2019</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (Closed until 8 Jan19)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 2nd January</u> Rosary Prayer Group (Closed until the 9 Jan 19)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 3rd January</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><u>Friday 4th January</u></p> <p>50+ Club (Closed)</p> <p><u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	

<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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