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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020– YEAR (B)

*The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Luke 2: 22)*

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth.



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.

Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us...

Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God...

Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St Joseph her spouse. Let us ask them to enlighten, comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfil with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

Wish you all a Happy Feast & New Year!



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## 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 book of Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision,  
'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward  
will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I  
go childless...'

Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my  
household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him,  
'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then  
taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.  
Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord,  
who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as  
he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son  
to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the  
son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM    *Psalm 127(128):1-5*

*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 of St. Paul 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!**

**At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

## 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

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## **PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION**

**LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2020:** The last weekday Mass in 2020 at 9.30am on Thursday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the faithful departed in 2020 in our family and amongst our friends. During the Mass the names of your loved ones who died this year will be read out. If you wish to their name(s) to be included please write on the labelled sheet in the Church porch.



**NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS:** We, as a parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessing each one of us & our families have received in 2020. **There will be two thanksgiving services this year: the first one - thanksgiving service at 8pm & Mass at 9pm and the second one - thanksgiving services at 11pm & Mass at midnight.**

**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 **all those who helped in decorating the Church.** We also thank Filipino community who organised Simbáng Gabi celebrations.

**NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME** is on this Monday 28th December at 7.30pm.

**THANK YOU:** Fr Shaju & Fr Pater would like to thank you for your Christmas Offerings as well as for your many cards, gifts and kind wishes.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

**CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID:** We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR YOUR PRIESTS:** If you wish to use a Christmas Offering Envelope, please collect one from the Porch. **Please Note:** Christmas offering is your personal offering to your priests, not to the Church.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION:** Programme starts on Saturday 6th February at 11.15am in the Parish Hall. Parents meeting is on 16th January.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** The next Open House is on Friday 8th January 2020, 4-6pm.

**RCIA:** Next session is on **Monday 11th January at 7.15pm**

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

*As we have come to the end of the year 2020, we all acknowledge the struggles and difficulties we are still going through in this year. We also witnessed great acts of heroism to combat Coronavirus and compassion of the people to reach out to those who are affected by Covid-19. We raise our minds and hearts in gratitude to God for all the sacrifices our frontline workers have been doing especially health care workers. St Boniface Parish Family wishes to say a thank you to all of them and also 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, Padre Pio & 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 \*Working Party  
\*Youth Group & Leaders.*

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

*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.*



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

**The Sick:** Dessy, Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

**Death Anniversaries:** Joseph Johnson, Sherrie O'Mahoney, Anne Kelly, Ian Hurst, Michael O'Malley, Selwyn Williams, Don Revell, Waclaw Lach, David Leggatt, Luigi Cristiano, Madelaine Joyce, Thomas Dunleavy, Kirian Lopes, Raymond Ashley, Oliver Murray, Stephen Kinsella, Ray Nieslony, Karl Jackson, Nora Doherty, Mary Prospere, Sandra Moore, Raymond D'Souza, Gloria Guillen and Marlo Luna. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	26th & 27th December	2nd & 3rd January
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat 18.30	Doris Cubero	Milos Wojtowicz
09.00	Pat Willis	Barrie Ellis-Daley
10.30	Ada Ikpoh	Lola Lawrence
12.00	Mikheala Dayaday	Tess Vallo
13:00	Ian Johnson	Callum Fernandes
18.30	Angel Babu	Liza Asante
<b>Cleaning Rota:</b>	<b>Wk4: Mon 28th Dec @ 7pm</b>	<b>Wk1: Mon 4th Jan @ 10am</b>

<b><u>Sunday 27th December</u></b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Dr. Leo Emordi Ints Pat Michell RIP Mr & Mrs. Zerafa RIP Rapu Family Thanksgiving Zenaida Madamba
Monday 28th December <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	09:30 18:30	Marie Josee Yiptong Birthday Ints Philomena Dias RIP
Tuesday 29th December <b>Saint Thomas of Canterbury</b>	09:30 18:30	Hillary Prosper RIP Akwasi Gyasi & Alex Jacobs
Wednesday 30th December <b>Sixth Day of Christmas</b>	09:30 12:30 18:30	Theresa O'Shea RIP <b>Funeral</b> J. P. Voller RIP
Thursday 31st December <b>Seventh Day of Christmas</b>	09:30 11:00 18:30	Maria Berndatte De Olival El Habash RIP <b>Funeral</b> Carmel Cremin
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service, Mass at 9pm</b>
	<b>11pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service, Mass at midnight</b>
Friday 1st January <b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	09:00 18:30	Kitty Cummins RIP & Kathy Slevin Ints Bramante Pimentel RIP
Saturday 2nd January <b>Saints Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	09:30 18:30	Pauline & Family Grace D'Souza
<b><u>Sunday 3rd January</u></b> <b>Second Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Thanksgiving – The Robin family Nicholas Coote RIP Theresa Schembri RIP Kevin McNicholas RIP Inayat John RIP

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.**

**Friday 8th January 2021: Parish Open House 4pm – 6pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

**Holy Hour**

First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

**Adoration & Morning Prayer**

Monday - Saturday: 9am  
Holy Hour on First Friday  
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

**Novena to St Anthony**

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday: 10am

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

Saturday: 10am