

# ST BONIFACE CATHOLIC PARISH, TOOTING



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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (C) SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2021

*"Three days later, they found him in the Temple sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions" (Lk: 2: 46)*

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. All Christian families are different. The one thing that should unite them is the presence in their home of a strong family friend: 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.



## YOUTH AND 20S & 30S GROUP: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO CHILDREN

This weekend is the last opportunity to give your names, if any child ten years or under ten to receive a Christmas Gift.

## HELP AND ADVICE ON APPRENTICESHIPS & HIGHER EDUCATION

St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's group invite year 11 & Year 12 & parents (or anyone who interested) on **Saturday 8th January 3-5pm** to **Help and advice** sessions on **Apprenticeship** and on **Saturday 15th January 3-5pm** on **Higher Education**.



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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** Samuel 1:20-22,24-28  
A reading from the first book of Samuel

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 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10**

*R. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. *R*

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you,  
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion. *R*

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. *R*

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:1-2,21-24**

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**

**Luke 2: 41-52**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

## 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 your 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.*

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

**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.



**TENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR ANTHONY:** Fr Anthony is ten years ordained on this Saturday 18th December. We congratulate him on this special anniversary day and continue to offer our prayers for his ministry. Parish will have a celebration to mark his ordination anniversary on **Saturday 1st January after 9:30am Mass.**

**CHANGES to NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICES:** 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 2021. **There will be two Thanksgiving Services: 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm & 11pm followed by Mass at midnight on Friday 31st December.** After midnight mass, there will be a mall celebration in the hall.

**LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2021:** The last weekday Mass in 2021 at **9.30am on Friday 31st December** will be a special Mass for all the dearly departed in 2021 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. **Those who died in 2021 only.**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The First Holy Communion classes starts on **SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY AT 10:15 IN THE CHURCH.** Parents meeting is on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm.

**CONFIRMATION:** Parents meeting on **Friday 11th March at 7pm.** The first session for candidates starts on **SATURDAY 12TH MARCH AT 10:45AM** 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 5048), 2nd (1278), 3rd (2164), 4th (5240), 5th (3286), 6th (731), 7th (773), 8th (1736), 9th (979) and 10th (2950).

**PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH DAY:** Parish will keep **Sunday 2nd of January as Altar Servers & Youth Day** in our parish. **Youth Mass at 13:15 followed by celebration in the hall.**

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

**SANTO NINO FEAST:** Is on Sunday 16th January, Mass 3.30pm followed by dinner in Main Hall from 5.30pm-8pm. **Bishop Patrick Lynch will be the main celebrant.** For more info pls contact Mericel 07802799371

**PARISH EVANGELISATION UNDER FIVE SUNDAY LITURGY:**

As part of the parish Evangelisation programme, we need help for Sunday liturgy activities at 10:30am Mass on Sunday for under fives. If any parents can volunteer, please see Fr Shaju after Mass or contact by email.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** 9.30am on Mon-Sat and Sun at 12:00.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you very much to those who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. *Cleaning Team is requested to inform the parish office before you leave the Church after cleaning so that the doors can be closed and turn off lights.* Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. **This Monday is Week3 (Team 3) at 10am.**

**RECENTLY DIED:** Victoria Ojukwu and Shirley Gibbs-Moorcroft

## **THANK YOU**

*As we have come to the end of the year 2021, 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 & Offering 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.*

**TO BAPTISE A BABY:** Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** Is this Monday *31st January at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.*

**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 to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are admitted to St George’s Hospital and 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.

*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:** Carmel Sammonds, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Anastasia Ogbonna, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Anne Doyle, Mark Sharkey, Tess Hill, Sheena Tighe, Carmel Sammons, Margaret Wood, Peter Hardy, Barbara Kelly. Mella Washington, Colleen Bowen, Lorraine & Herman Mendonca.

**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. & Baby Jayden Langan-Joseph. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	25th & 26th December	1st & 2nd January 2022
LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)		
Sat 18.30		Mellesha Hayden Serene Agbagba
09.00	Angel Babu Mary Donoghue	Ad Ikpoh Rufus Bennett
10.30	Elizabeth Gyamfi Emily Singh	Rose Adroa Francis Ikpoh
12.00	Anthony Eze Deuwayne Ikpoh	Candice Aruaje Marie Dick
13:15	Pam Fernandes Callum Fernandes	Luiza Lobo Michael Lobo
18:30	Remija Mponzi Bernadette Rose	Ivon Kandiah Raphael Oapa
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: 27th December @ 10am	Wk4: 3rd January @ 7pm

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2051.88)  
 Bag collection £1,103.38 Card collection: 507.00 & S/O: £441.50



<b><u>Sunday 26th December (C)</u></b>  <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	09:00 Kevin Deegan RIP Grace Elliot
	10:30 Gary, Anita & Jayden Thanksgiving
	12:00 Theresa Schembri & Curuana Family
	13:15 Benjamin Rioux RIP
	18:30 Anne Marie Kwang RIP
Monday 27th December <b>Saint John</b>	09:30 Fr. Martin Edwards ints 18:30 Thanksgiving to all the Saints
Tuesday 28th December <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	09:30 Philomena Dias RIP 18:30 Joan Gallagher Ints
Wednesday 29th December <b>Saint Thomas of Canterbury</b>	09:30 Bridget McDonagh Ints <b>Wedding</b> 18:30 Martha Pinto RIP
Thursday 30th December <b>Sixth Day of Christmas</b>	09:30 Wladyslaw RIP 18:30 Tom Barry RIP
Friday 31st December <b>Seventh Day of Christmas</b>  <b>Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	09:30 All the Deceased in 2021 James Ridge RIP 18:00 <b>Thanksgiving Service, Mass at 7pm-</b> 19:00 Carmel Cremin 23:00 <b>Thanksgiving Service, Mass at Mid-</b> <b>night</b> 00:00 John Conroy
Saturday 1st January <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	09:30 Joanne Laurent Ints Ivy Floyd & Family Ints 18:30 George Jhugroo RIP
<b><u>Sunday 2nd January (C)</u></b>  <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	09:00 Salome Sayno RIP 10:30 Tadiya, Mara & Marko Leko RIP 12:00 Martha Pinto RIP 13.15 Tommy & Michael O'Donnell <b>15:00 Baptism</b> 18.30 Souls of N.A & A.A

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed for Christmas**  
**Friday 7th January 2022 Parish Open House 4pm – 6pm**

<b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	<b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am	<b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am
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