



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach.
'He who fears the Lord honours his parents.' 3:2-6
The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.
The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Your wife 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 husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Zion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Family life in the Lord. 3:2-21
Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
'Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.' 2:41-52
The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.
And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.
And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.
His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.
After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.
And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.'
And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'
And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.
And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.
And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

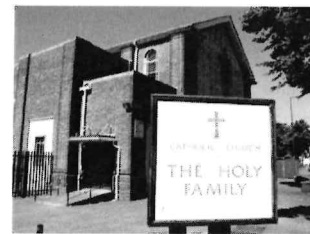
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 28 th	4.00 pm	Theresa & Alec Fullerton & Alec Jnr RIP	29th December 2024: Feast of the Holy Family (Parish Feast Day)
Sun 29 th	10.30 am	Mary McBrearty (Anniversary)	
Mon 30 th	9.30 am	Peter McGrath (Anniversary)	
Tues 31 st	10.30 am	Noreen Welsh RIP	
	4.00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary	
	5.00 pm	Matthew McGill RIP	
Wed 1 st	10.30 am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 2 nd	10.30 am	Anne Grice (Get well intention)	
Fri 3 rd	10.30 am	Theresa Walsh	
Sat 4 th	4.00 pm	Cormac Francis Kenny RIP	
Sun 5 th	10.30 am	Gabriel Doherty RIP	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £555.48 SECOND COLLECTION: £149.26 (Christmas Flowers)			FEASTS : Tuesday St Sylvester, Pope Wednesday Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity) Thursday St Basil the Great & St Gregory Friday The Most Holy Name of Jesus Sunday Epiphany of the Lord Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – McAndrew & Moane (Intentions) Our Lady's Lamp – McAndrew & Moane RIP

RECENTLY DEAD: Margaret Elizabeth Burke RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7th January 2025, 10.15 am.
 Catherine Foley RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Logue, William Edwards, James Burns, Christopher Griffin, John McElvenna, Dennis Kennedy, Susan Bagnall, Patrick Williamson, Lynda McCabe, Baby Bethany Goulding, Rayhan Ali, Edith Forrester, Philomena Boyle, Rose Green, John Flood, Dan Evans, Sean Noonan, Isabella Mornington, Gladstone Young, John Connolly, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Ellen Baird, Bernard Doherty, Frank Thunder, John Foley, Teresa Mitchell, Kevin O'Connor, Theobald Larkin, Vincent Wellings, Leopold Hasse, Anthony McGrady, Michal Summers, Sarah Duggan, Jeremiah McBride, John Mulligan, Mary (Bridie) Walsh, Michael Harrison, George Cotter, Kathleen Hayes, Patrick Wickham, Charles Byrne, James Fox, Patrick Foley, Frederick Wilkinson.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education: We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

SECOND COLLECTION for this weekend: Friends of the Holy Land (Crib offerings)

FUNDRAISING CAROL CONCERT: A total of £830.75 was raised at our Christmas Carol Concert. Thank you all for your contribution and a special thank you to the Filipino Community for their support.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all parishioners who brought in poinsettias and helped clean and decorate the Church, making it so welcoming for our Christmas celebrations.

FATHER FRETCH AND THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS would like to thank you all most sincerely for your very generous Christmas gifts, cards and especially your prayers. **They wish all parishioners a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas Season and a Very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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