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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28th/29th December 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 106: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: Page 109

Next Week: The Epiphany of the Lord: Page: 115: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am; Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The 1st family story of Jesus is a tough story. Joseph caring for Jesus and Mary escapes with the family to Egypt, as Jesus' life was under threat.

For Joseph this meant moving his family from one country to another, into exile and back again. He must have been frightened not knowing what the future held. He made huge sacrifices in selfless obedience to God's will.

Can we imagine what this experience must have been like? Sadly, millions of people in our world today do not have to imagine this type of experience – they live it every day. Like many others, the Holy Family had to leave their home country and go to a foreign land – this is the very definition of a refugee or a displaced person.

This was a painful experience for the Holy Family. Later on in the Gospel Jesus tells us that when we welcome strangers we welcome Jesus himself.

From the middle of February to the end of March we will be hosting a Night Shelter for the homeless each Friday night in the parish centre. This is our opportunity to show compassion and welcome for strangers, particularly those who are vulnerable. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers on **Saturday 4th January from 1.00pm to 2.00pm in the parish centre.** It is important that all volunteers are DBS checked for safeguarding.

Faithful God, we pray for all families who have been forced from their homes by war, flood, or the need to find food. Grant them the courage and safety as they travel seeking refuge and hope to a secure future. May we who have been given so much, learn to be generous and welcoming to those who are fearful, needy and seeking shelter among us Amen

Thank you for all your kind gifts, cards and generosity. May God reward you and your families. On behalf of The Parish Team we wish you Peace and Blessings for the New Year.

FR. JOHN

NEW YEAR SERVICES

Normal schedule 27th December to 30th December

Tuesday 31st December: 9.15am Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass, **New Year's Eve:** Prayers and Mass from 10.30pm led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy

Wednesday 1st January - New Year's Day: Mass at 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **1 January**.

MASS LED BY THE NIGERIAN CHAPLAINCY

The Nigerian Chaplaincy invite you all to join in a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year on **Tuesday 31st December**. The programme starts at **10.30pm** with a Rosary, Devotions to the Divine Mercy, Songs of Praise, Holy Mass and finishes with Benediction.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 14th January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes will resume on **Saturday 18th January** at 4.30 followed by 6pm Mass

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes resume on **Sunday 12th January** at 10am.

ENROLMENT FOR THE SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

Registration Forms are available in the porch for the Second Group of Candidates. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 8th January** or **Thursday 16th January** between **4.30-6.30pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's. Classes will start on 23rd January.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 11th January at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

The Parish Annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" party will take place on **Sunday 12th January** from 12noon to 4pm. 60 places only. Please put your name down **once only** on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin.

RECEPTION SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Reception Class on **January – Saturday 11th 9.30am-10.30am**. To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

STAMP COLLECTING

Caritas Deaf Service collects old stamps to send to Macmillan Cancer Care. If you are able to collect your stamps over the festive period and drop them into Box in the porch marked **Stamps for Caritas** by 12th January, these will be given to Joseph our local Caritas Development worker. Please cut around the stamps leaving a border of about 1cm.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **James Swinney RIP, Philomena Griffin RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

JAMES SWINNEY RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 6th January** at 11.00am

PHILOMENA GRIFFIN RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 7th January** at 1.00pm.

ANTHONY MURPHY RIP. His Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 8th January** at 2.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 28 | 11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rose-Marie Calmiano (Intentions) Mass for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Willie Dockerty RIP |
| Sun 29 | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | Peter Keating RIP Derrick Juriansz RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Marinha & Luis Bragança in Thanksgiving |
| Mon 30 | 09.30 | Grace Dias in Thanksgiving |
| Tues 31 | 09.30 22.30 01.00 | Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) NEW YEAR'S EVE Vigil Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy |
| Wed 1 | 09.30 13.00 | Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) |
| Thurs 2 | 09.30 | Braulio Collantes RIP <i>No Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions</i> |
| Fri 3 | 09.30 | Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) <i>No devotion or Exposition</i> |
| Sat 4 | 11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Cristiano Do Rego (Intention) Baptism of Beaux Joy De Rees-Spenceleay Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish |
| Sun 5 | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | Noble & Retinha in Thanksgiving – 1 st Wedding Anniversary Thomas Harrison RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Edith & Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving 63 rd Wedding Anniversary |
| Sanctuary Lamp: | | Gabriel D'Souza RIP |

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

The figures will be available next week

The Parish Office was closed last week, will be open on Monday morning and Friday afternoon this week and back to normal from 7th January. Apologies for any inconvenience.

