

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 27th December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, (B) Feast

10.00am Mass (John and Derek McQuillan RIP)

6.30pm Mass (People of the parish)

Monday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast

10.00am Mass (Fr. Hans)

Tuesday 29th December St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

Wednesday 30th December 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

10.00am Mass (Jane Ashdown RIP)

Thursday 31st December 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

Friday 1st January 2021 Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Solemnity

10.00am Mass (People of the parish)

Saturday 2nd January SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, Memorial

10.00am Mass (Holy souls)

Sunday 3rd January 2021 Second Sunday after the Nativity

10.00am Mass (For all those struggling with mental health issues, and for those who support and care for them)
6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

MASS AT ST. SIMON'S - the wearing of a mask at Mass is mandatory unless medically exempt, hands should be sanitised on entering the church, the Rule of 6 and the social distancing rules should be observed.

MASS TIMES - from today, only until the solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord on 6th January, there will be public Mass here every day. Please check the times on the separate sheet or in the newsletter. After that we will return to having Mass only on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honour the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family was not a mysterious family. This was a real family, of real human beings, with members loving each other as God desired for each family on earth. In honouring them, we also honour all families, big or small. And in honouring all families, we honour the family of God, the Church.

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY - due to the current restrictions the obligation to attend Mass specifically on Christmas Day has been removed and you may fulfil the obligation by attending any Mass during the Christmas Octave and up to The Epiphany of the Lord on Wednesday 6th January.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS - The offertory collection taken during the Vigil, Midnight & Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr. Hans; this year all of the collections taken during the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, up to and including 6th January, will be included in these Christmas offerings to allow those who may not be able to attend Mass on Christmas Day to give something in the usual way. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings). The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses. Envelopes are available in the church entrance.

CRIB OFFERINGS. Your kind donations will go to the **Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund.** Since March the CCS has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over five and half thousand children and their parents/carers. There are many more families in need of support and our Crib offering will support this important work. The Crib will remain on display throughout the Christmas season and up to 2nd February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - This year is very special. December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 has been proclaimed by Pope Francis as the "Year of St. Joseph." for the whole Church. In an Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde - With a father's heart* - Pope Francis describes the guardian of Our Lord as beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting father; one, who is both courageous and industrious, content to live and work "in the shadows" while he protected and provided for our Lord and Our Lady. The purpose of the Year of St Joseph is to encourage 'every member of the faithful, following Joseph's example, to strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God's will.' The pope concludes his new apostolic letter by urging Catholics to pray to St Joseph for 'the grace of graces: our conversion' and with a particular prayer to the 'Guardian of the Redeemer'.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CHURCH CLEANING

2nd January 2021
Irene/Zita

9th January Kilda

16th January

Irene/Zita

23rd January Kilda

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for
Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Trevor Lane,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Lisa Moran,
Rita Coombs