

# St John the Evangelist The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Fr James Callaghan OSB

29 December 2019 (Year A)

**Parish Administrator:** Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope

Please note there will be reduced hours over the Christmas period, and it is worth ringing before visiting.

Under normal circumstances the Church itself should be open 9:00am -3:00pm on a weekday.

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## Mass Times this Week

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| Saturday 28    | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast                                |
| 11:45am        | Rosary in Church  |
| 12 Noon        | Reconciliation (Confession)                                       |
| 5:45pm         | Vigil Mass: <i>Dr Sophie Williams</i>                             |
| Sunday 29      | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Feast                    |
| 10:00am        | Mass: <i>Veronica Andrews RIP</i>                                 |
| 10:50am        | Coffee after Mass – all welcome                                   |
| Monday 30      | 6th day of Christmas Octave                                       |
| Tuesday 31     | 7th day of Christmas Octave                                       |
| Wednesday 1    | Mary, The Most Holy Mother of God, Solemnity                      |
| <b>10:00am</b> | Mass:   |
| Thursday 2     | Ss Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors, Mem |
| 6:30pm         | Mass: <i>Month's Mind Mass</i>                                    |
| Friday 3       | Feria   |
| 9:30am         | Mass: <i>TE Special Intention</i>                                 |
| Saturday 4     | Feria   |
| 11:45am        | Rosary in Church  |
| 12 Noon        | Reconciliation (Confession)                                       |
| 5:45pm         | Vigil Mass: <i>Len and Mary Brown RIP</i>                         |
| Sunday 5       | Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity                                   |
| 10:00am        | Mass: <i>Parish</i>   |
| 10:50am        | Coffee after Mass – all welcome                                   |

## Christmas Thank you

A very Merry Christmas to all, and many, many thanks to you for making our celebrations such a great success! Many of you put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare for Christmas and this was greatly appreciated by all.

May I thank you all personally for your very kind cards, messages and gifts – I am quite overwhelmed!

The “world” seems to finish with Christmas just as it is beginning; we, of course, celebrate it until the great Feast of the Epiphany, so may you all continue to be filled with great joy throughout this highly blessed season.

With love and many prayers,

Fr James.

## Thought for the Week

*"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute."* (St Augustine)

## Missing Glasses

A lady mistakenly left a pair of glasses in a Vision Express case here after Mass. Please be in touch if you think you may know their whereabouts. Thank you.

## Food Banks

- Middlesbrough: Next delivery – 6 January 2020

*Thank you for the wonderful response to the Christmas Appeal but...Please keep on shopping for the MFB and perhaps save unwanted goodies for the January delivery. For more information or if you'd like to help, please ring us on 01653 628755. God bless. Eve and David Cragg James*

- Easingwold

*Please be aware that although our donations go to Middlesbrough, there is a Food Bank in Easingwold who use our outbuildings to store their supplies. If you or someone you know has need of their services, please contact them in confidence on 0772 44 44 750*

## Changes to the Offertory Collection

There can often be a very long gap at the Sunday Masses after the bidding prayers while the collection is being taken, so to shorten it, I thought we might try the following on an *ad experimentum* basis:

Would the Ushers please bring forward the bread and wine straight after the bidding prayers. They would then collect the collection plates from a stool on the sanctuary and take the collection while the Offertory is in progress (either with or without singing).

Please bring up the collection then in the usual way and give the plates to the server. Once this is done, the priest will say the *Orate Fratres* (ie the "Pray Brothers and Sisters...") and Mass continues.

Thank you so much for giving this a try,

Fr James

## Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £465.26
- Thank you for the Collections at the Christmas Masses, which are for the Priest, and which raised: £772.97

## Upcoming Events – See Posters

### January

- Fri 10 10:10 SVP Meeting in the Priory
- Sun 12 10:30 Methodist Annual Covenant Service
- 18-25 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### For Sale in the Porch

- Middlesbrough Year Books 2020 £1, which goes in the "Papers" slot.
- Benedictine Year Books – are £3.75 – money also in the "Papers" slot.
- Eggs £1 per half-dozen (in Poor Box, to support Little Sisters of the Poor). Many thanks to Trish and Jane.
- Please Pray for:
  - *the Sick, Infirm and Housebound:* Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, Veronica Ellerby, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotian, Graham Harrand, Marta Hatfield, Eunice Huby, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Commander Matthew Kiernan, Kay Moss, Marie Podgorski and Sophie Williams;
  - *those who have Died recently:* Graeme Knott and Tom Hopperton and *those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Margery May Barrett, Maria Josephine Franziska Maurer, Monica Horner