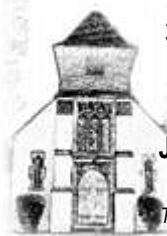


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FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH
SUNDAY WITH
THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

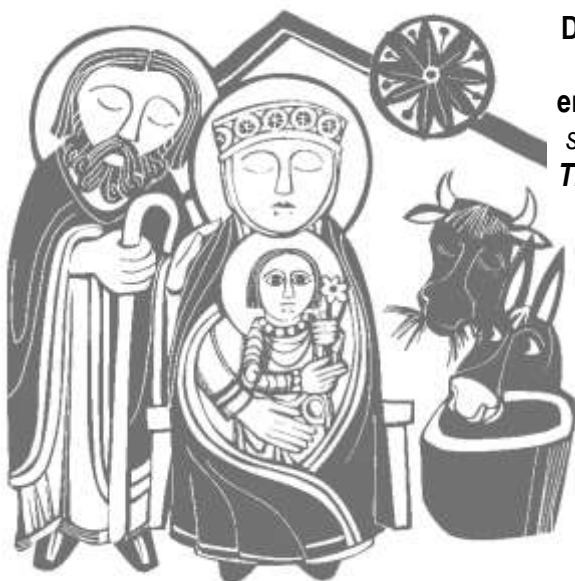
TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	10.00am	Mass – Int. Annie Aylott, RIP
Monday 7 th Day of the Octave of Christmas	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen		NO MASS
Thursday The Most Holy Name of Jesus	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Christmas Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Christmas Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 6 th Jan. Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During 10am Mass, we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. **Parents are encouraged to join their children.** We welcome more help from those who seek to be leaders and support in this ministry to the children of our parish. **Thank you to Tasha and Grant for all they do to prepare and lead these children's sessions throughout the year.**

Thank you so very much for your generous Christmas offerings, cards, gifts and messages of good wishes for Christmas. Your kindness is so much appreciated. I will offer Holy Mass for your intentions in thanksgiving. Fr Andy Ollard



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

We hear in the Gospel that Mary “kept all these things in her heart.” Having been wrought with anxiety for days while looking for Jesus, Mary does not have a clear answer for his disappearance. She only knows that her son answered her distress with the query “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” She is left to ponder Jesus’ reply. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis explains that Mary’s way of reflecting teaches the Church how to evangelise. He states: “There is a Marian ‘style’ to the Church’s work of evangelisation. Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness . . . we realise that she who praised God for ‘bringing down the mighty from their thrones’ . . . is also the one who brings a homely warmth to our pursuit of justice. She . . . carefully keeps ‘all these things, pondering them in her heart’ (Luke 2:19)). Mary is able to recognise the traces of God’s Spirit in events great and small” (288).

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019. Thank you to parents and children for attending the meeting last Sunday. The children will present the children at 10am Mass early in the New Year. In the meantime, our children and their families will continue begin to work through the activities in the I Belong books they received last Sunday. They will bring these books along to Mass and follow the prayers and the Bible Readings.

Sister Jacinta writes: A thousand thanks to you and the Parishioners of Our Lady's for your cheque for £ 388.19. It is very good of you to keep remembering our mission in Albania. It is hard to believe that it is six years this week since Fr. Bernard died. He is, I am sure, very proud of you all. Best wishes for a very happy Christmastide. God bless you all.
M. Jacinta Davenport IBVM.

Prisoners' Sunday 2018 Pact – Prison Advice & Care Trust send their thanks for the generous £97.22 raised by the parish for Prisoners' Sunday. The funds raised will enable Pact to continue to provide their vital services to prisoners, people with previous convictions, their children and families. Pact asks us all to continue to keep those affected by prison in our prayers. Should you like to receive Pact's quarterly newsletter, please contact them on news@prisonadvice.org.uk. Or if you would like to volunteer for Pact, please email volunteer@prisonadvice.org.uk. You can also call Pact on 020 7735 9535.

YOU CAT for Kids Sessions 2019

Following the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Youth Catechism* (YOUCAT) a wonderful new resource aimed at younger children, **YOUCAT for Kids** is now available. This is a great new tool for catechists, and for parents and carers as they pass on the faith to children. **YOUCAT for Kids sessions** will take place on **Friday 1 February 2019, 7.30pm-9pm** at **St Aidan's Church Hall, Little Chalfont**. During this 90 minute session there will be the opportunity to:

- Browse the YOUCAT for Kids
- Be guided through a method of using the YOUCAT for Kids
- Have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the YOUCAT for Kids at the reduced price of £10 (please bring £10 cash or a cheque made payable to R.E Service).
- Hear about support and training for catechists.

There is no charge for the event itself. Booking however is essential as capacity is limited. Please book early to secure your place. Booking forms are on church porch noticeboard.

Lectionary for Mass

Today we are invited to reflect on what it means to be part of God's family. In the First Reading (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28), we encounter the elderly Hannah, who had been grieving over and dealing with the shame that came with having no children. In desperation, she prayed to God for a son, whom she promised to consecrate to God for life, and indeed Hannah gave birth to a son. When it was time to take him to the temple at Shiloh, the family offered the appropriate sacrifice, and then Hannah – this oppressed woman who had no voice – spoke!

Careful attention should be given to her words. In the Gospel (Luke 2:41-52), we learn that the Holy Family went to Jerusalem for Passover. They journeyed in a caravan because it was the safest way to travel through the countryside. On their way home, when Mary and Joseph realise that their son was not with the caravan, they return to Jerusalem in a panic, only to find him teaching the elders in the Temple. Making the situation even more bizarre, Jesus tells them, “Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” In the ancient world and in some cultures today, childhood stories are regarded as predictors of the child's destiny.

The Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) invites us to reflect on our status as God's children and what that means for us when the salvation story reaches its end. The author of the First Letter of John reminds us that we are already, in this moment, children of God, but when all is fulfilled we will experience the incomprehensible. We will see God face-to-face!

Liturgy and Life

In the reading from the First Book of Samuel, we hear that Hannah offered her son to God. What do you offer from your life? (2) How does your parish help you realise your responsibility as children of God? (3) How have you been blessed as a child of God?

A very big Thank You to all who have been working so hard in recent weeks to keep Our Lady's Church clean, vacuuming and clearing away the cobwebs, and washing the lampshades covering the wall lights. It all helps to make the church building bright and welcoming place for our worship of God.

We are always looking for more help in these areas. If you are able to over some and energy for a few minutes on a regular or even irregular basis please speak with Fr Andy.

Happy New Year!
Fr Andy

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £299.01

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from your bank, speak to Fr Andy.

The JANUARY 2019 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. **It's free of charge!**

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome! Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.