

St. Joseph the Worker

Feast of the Holy Family

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**Welcome to St. Joseph's today,
especially if you are visiting our parish for the Christmas and New Year holiday.**

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual up-building and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

Sunday, 29 th December Feast of the Holy Family	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mary Meehan RIP The People of the Parish John Joseph Burke and Deceased Family	
Monday, 30 th December <i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	10.00 am	The Hayes Family	
Tuesday, 31 st December <i>Commemoration of St. Sylvester I, Pope</i>	11.00 pm	In thanksgiving for 2019, and for blessings in 2020	
Wednesday, 1 st January Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10.00 am	Charles and Martha Connolly	
Thursday, 2 nd January <i>Mem. of Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>	No Mass Today		
Friday, 3 rd January <i>Op. Memorial Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	No Mass Today		
Saturday, 4 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am	Special Intention	
Sunday, 5 th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Phyllis and Gerard Deegan The People of the Parish Sr. Maureen Grigg (Intentions)	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance: Last Sunday: 201; Christmas: 346 Last week's first collection: £546.64; Gift Aid: £207.30. Thank You.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Jacqui O'Reilly	Irma Whitehead
	Next Week	Jianan Lu	Gabrielle Harrison

Please pray for Joan Kelly, and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Francis Etherington CO, Cyril Evans, Patrick Lynch, Deacon Peter Mason, and also Philip Lynch, Louis Roy Gower, Mary Storey, Patrick Joseph Masterson, Edna Mary Middleton, Thomas Murray, Gladys McIntyre, Daniel Knowles, Bernard Hopkins, John McNaughton, Michael Hogan, Nellie Britten, Patrick Forde and Joseph Morgan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Paddy Beausang, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Chris Mullen, and all the sick.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for a Private Intention.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Blessings on the New Year.

Goodbye to 2019



Do we really want to remember 2019? The General Election? Brexit? President Trump being impeached? The Amazon burning? Australia burning? Rain at home? Protests in Hong Kong? Climate strikes? Notre Dame burning in Paris? But fear not! There were good things too – England won the cricket world cup – what more could we want!



Here in St. Joseph's parish we have been busy:

- ❖ 12 children were baptised: Austin Holton, Mason Allen, Rosa Bea Byrne, Nathaniel Martin, Abigail Martin, Jeremiah Calderon Guzman, Giorgio Dainty, Max Carter, Arthur Kennedy Carter, Cian Scott, Josephine Maguire, Harper Healy.
- ❖ 2 children made their First Holy Communion: Eugenia Kvedaras Rivas and Austin Holton.
 - ❖ 2 adults were baptised, confirmed and received their First Holy Communion.
- ❖ There were 3 Marriages: Liam and Clare O'Neill (in Omagh, Co. Tyrone), Verity and Daniel Campbell (in Kenilworth), and Chloe and Donato Masi (in Venosa, Italy).
- ❖ 17 Funerals were held here: Martha Jean Young, Sean Gillespie, Walter Joseph Harban, Richard Wilson, Frank Meadowcroft, Johnny Evans, Victor Terry, Veronica Harris, Barry Williams, Denis O'Neill, Carmel Silver, Hildegard Atherton, Lucia Katkins, Katie Aubrey, Margaret Blenkinsopp, Patrick Hennessy, Vincent Egan. I also celebrated a Requiem Mass here for Salvador Ortiz-Carbonares and celebrated the funeral of Nora Noonan at Our Lady of the Assumption. The funeral of David Crout was held at St. Martin's, Coventry. May they all rest in peace.
- ❖ Finally, we said goodbye to Fr. Paul and the Ordinate Community as they moved to All Souls in Earlsdon after eight years here at St. Joseph's.

Hello to 2020

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 76; Anne Burke.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 100; A. Doherty.

Thank you. Thank you very much to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful: those who cleaned the church and the brass, arranged the flowers, read, sang or played, served, and all the many other jobs. Above all, thanks to you for joining in. **I should also like to thank you all for your very generous Christmas offerings and for the gifts and cards that I received.**

Instructions in the Faith. Do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Do YOU want to know more? In January I hope we can start a series of meetings on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-8.30 to explore our faith. Please let people know about this opportunity.

Feasts in the next couple of weeks. This Wednesday, 1st January, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; the Epiphany will be on Sunday, 5th January; and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the Christmas season, will be on the following Sunday, 12th January.

Little Evangelist. The Christmas edition of this magazine for children is available in the porch (£3). It is a lovely booklet for families to work on together.

New Year's Eve Party. Are you doing anything special for New Year's Eve? Why not come to Mass at 11.00 pm to thank God for the blessings of the last year and to pray for His blessing on the coming year? We can then "see in" the New Year together with a small celebration in the hall. All welcome; bring something to eat or drink if you wish to add to the things provided.

Holiday. I shall be away for a few days this week but I'll be back on Saturday.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month.

Diocesan Directories. The new directories are now available in the church porch. If you want to know anything about our diocese, this is the book for you. Spiral-bound £4.50, normal binding £3.00.

Commemorative Sanctuary Candles. For £5 you can buy a candle that will burn in the sanctuary or by the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St. Joseph or St. Anthony, for any week of your choice during the coming year. It can be for any reason you want: to remember a loved one; for a special intention; or why not give one as a Christmas present with a card?



Christmas Dinner. Thank you to everyone who came to share their Christmas dinner here, and a very special thanks to Paul who not only had the idea but planned and carried it through so well. And thank you to those who donated the food for the feast.

Tailpiece: On Boxing Day one year two parents began to assemble the special Christmas gift they had bought for their children. They had ordered a kit for a tree house and received the plans for it. However, the materials they received were for a boat. They wrote to the company to complain. The company's reply duly came back: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, spare a thought for the man who is even now out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house."

*I wish you every happiness in the New Year.
May God bless you all. Fr. Harry.*