

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Feast of the Holy Family

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

St Thomas Aquinas and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patrons of students, pray for us!

(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

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.		

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and remember that Jesus was truly born for us.

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses here in the Chaplaincy during the holiday. Our Thursday and Friday Masses will start again in the new term. Similarly, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday mornings at St. Joseph's will take a break over the Christmas vacation. We shall start again in January.

Christmas in the Chaplaincy. For those who are staying at Warwick University over the Christmas break, you will be pleased to know that Mass will still be celebrated here in the Chaplaincy each Sunday at 12.30 pm. The Chaplaincy will be open to all students and staff with valid University ID cards from 9am to 9pm each day in the vacation (including bank holidays). Over the December vacation we host 'The Student Lounge' in the Chaplaincy. There will be board games and other activities to use and the TV set up for you to be able to watch films together.

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.

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.

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 Ordinariate Community as they moved to All Souls in Earlsdon after eight years here at St. Joseph's.

Hello to 2020

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Year's Eve. Are you doing anything special for New Year's Eve? Why not come to Mass in St. Joseph's 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.

Would you like to spend a year (Aug 2020-Jul 2021) as part of the SPEC community in London which runs retreats with young people in the Diocese of Westminster? Check out their website for more information: <http://dowym.com/spec/volunteer/>

"Faith in Politics": Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2020-21.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2020 to July 2021 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. The closing date for applications is 28th February 2020. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

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 and have a card to go with it?

Instruction 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 to hold a series of meetings at St. Joseph's on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-8.30, in order to explore our faith. Please let people know about this opportunity.

Coventry Foodbank. We collect non-perishable food items for the local Foodbank. If you can help, please leave things in the box in the Jordan Room. Thank you.

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.*