

Mass Intentions for week beginning 27th December 2014

Sat 27	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	6.00pm	Sheila Eales RIP (1st anniv.)
Sun 28		10.00am	Valentine Tay RIP / Kin Chow Tang RIP & Dominic Tran Am RIP
		12noon	The People of the Parish
Mon 29	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	(no Mass)	
Tue 30	IN THE OCTAVE	(no Mass)	
Wed 31	IN THE OCTAVE	10.00am	Bernard White RIP (1st anniv.) /Bill Wakefield RIP
Thur 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	10.00am	Geoffrey Hatfield RIP (anniv.)
Fri 2	St Basil & St Gregory	10.00am	Anne & Denis Madden RIP (anniv.)
Sat 3	The Holy Name of Jesus	9.30am	Mary Hogan RIP
Sat 3	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Scanlon & Keville Families RIP
Sun 4		10.00am	Donald Macaree RIP (anniv.)
		12noon	The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Butch Rogers, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Wright, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Lola-Teresa Durojaiye, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 354
(Christmas: 683)

Offertory Collection last weekend: £702.10

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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27th/28th December 2014

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

The Holy Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we shift our gaze from the grotto of Bethlehem where the Saviour was born on Holy Night to the humble house of Nazareth, to contemplate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate in the festive, family atmosphere of Christmas. The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society. The time he spent in Nazareth, the greater part of his life, continues to be shrouded in deep silence. Very little information about it has been passed on to us by the Evangelists. However, if we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so.

For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is *an authentic school of the Gospel*. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an *intimate community of life and love*; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "*domestic church*" that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

The Church relies especially on the witness and contribution of Christian families to fulfil her urgent mission. Indeed, in the face of the dangers and difficulties that beset the family institution, she invites families to have greater spiritual and apostolic boldness, knowing that the family is called to be "a sign of unity for the world" and thus to bear witness to "the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying".

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace that the newborn Christ has given as a gift to humanity.

St John Paul II (Angelus 2001)

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

- **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for all your greetings, your generosity and many kindnesses at Christmas – all very much appreciated. I wish you and your families, and all our visitors, a very happy and blessed New Year!
- **THANK YOU ALSO** to all those who cleaned, decorated the church and erected the Crib in time for Christmas, and to the choir and servers who helped in the liturgical celebration of this great festival of our Faith.
- **THANK YOU ALSO** to **Fr Daniel Kulangara** for agreeing to say Mass during my many absences in Paris visiting my parents in the course of the past year.

Fr Jean-Claude Selvini

THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: *Classes will resume on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall*

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD: *membership renewals are now due. Full membership £8. Concessions £2.*

ADVANCE NOTICE: the annual *White Flower Appeal* organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be held at the end of all Masses over the weekend of *10th/11th January 2015.*

MONDAY 29th DECEMBER, Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury (Patron Saint of Pastoral Clergy). All are welcome to a Mass which will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood, and at which Bishop Alan will preach. 11.30am, Holy Trinity Church, 71 Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD. Close to the A13, the A127, and Basildon station (C2C line from Fenchurch St / Southend).

CRIB COLLECTION:
during the Christmas Season, offerings
at the Crib will be given to the
Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.



THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY: The Governing Body are seeking to appoint a deputy headteacher. Further details and application forms are available on our school website at: www.thepalmercatholicacademy.org. Completed applications to be sent to the Headmaster or emailed to: caroline.armitage@thepalmercatholicacademy.org. Closing date 19th January.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

Fr Selvini

Confirmation Programme 2015

Next year Bishop Alan Williams will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 21st June 2015 at 10.00am. If you are 14+ by that date, have not been confirmed, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, I invite you to write to me at the Presbytery (with your name, address and telephone number), requesting that you become a Confirmation Candidate this year. Classes will begin some time in January and continue until the middle of June, with a break for half-term and Easter.

The pre-requisites for the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

- that you are a practising Catholic, i.e. attending Mass weekly;
- that you will be 14 years of age or older by 21st June 2015;
- that your desire to be confirmed is your own choice;
- and that there will be a total and complete commitment to the Confirmation programme.

Letters should be in by next Sunday (4th January 2015), please! After this date, they will not be accepted. Thank you for your generous co-operation.

Fr Selvini