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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH Year C 29th DECEMBER

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ in the human family. God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish to express our deep gratitude for all the ways in which you have contributed to making our Christmas Masses such worthy celebrations of this great Feast; to our Altar Servers, Readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion; to our Choir and Choir Mistress; to our Organists, Church Wardens and volunteers; to those who clean the Church and look after the Sacristy and clean the Church linen, we offer our sincere thanks. To those of you who beautified the Church with the flower arrangements; the cribs and Christmas trees, we are so grateful. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, gifts, prayers and Masses and the Christmas Offerings. Thank you to Mr Bobby Ryder and his father Bob for taking responsibility for the Parish website. Sincere thanks also, to Mrs Annette Kelly, our housekeeper, to Bernadette, the Parish Secretary and to all who help in any capacity. May Our Lord continue to bless you in every way.

Please pray for Dylan Roddy who is to be baptised into the family of God this Sunday. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th January 2025 from 7.30pm-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

The Archbishop has written a Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family. Copies are available in both porches.

Bishop David will be present next Sunday, 5th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, to baptise Keith Shing-Kam Yip and to Confirm and Receive into Full Communion Keith and Carol Ann Jones, Tracey Washbrooke and Adam Jones. This will take place at the 11am Mass.

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve to begin the Jubilee Year of 2025. We have some special Jubilee Booklets available in both porches. Do please take one. For further details and resources please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year. The theme for the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' As part of the Jubilee Year we will be undertaking Pilgrimages. One idea is that we would arrange to walk to the local Catholic Churches in our neighbourhood. There is also the annual diocesan pilgrimages to Walsingham, Evesham, Our lady of Lourdes in Hednesford and to Lourdes in France at the end of May. Further details to follow.

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 28 th Dec 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 29 th December 9am	Sunday 29 th December 11am
Saturday 4 th Jan 12.30pm Echechi	J Powers	E Duffy
Sunday 29 th Dec 9am Uchechi	Sunday 5 th January 9am	Sunday 5 th January 11am
Sunday 29 th Dec 11am C Hodrien	M Coburn	A Kelly
Sunday 5 th Jan 9am T Choi	Sunday 12 th January 9am	Sunday 12 th January 11am
Sunday 5 th Jan 11am Emanuella	M Hallissey	J Hickey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Eve
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Delbert Manorina	Breada Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	

Season 4 of the Chosen starting every Wednesday at St George and St Teresa 7.30pm.
Conference Room Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided.



For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, meetings will take place on Tuesdays, 5pm-6pm beginning Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Diocesan Directory for 2025 on sale, price £3.50

<p>28th December Saturday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>Holy Innocents</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John & Dolores Barrett & Family-Int Peter Puzyrkiewicz-Intention</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> <i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>29th December</p> <p>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Patrick Lalor-RIP 11.00am Mary & John Edge-RIP Eilish & Tony Duffy-Intentions</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>30th December Monday</p> <p>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</p>	<p>1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Daniel & Madison-Marriage David Malcolm Weston-Intention</p>	
<p>31st December Tuesday</p> <p>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas</p> <p>St Sylvester 1</p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kate Smith-RIP</p>	
<p>1st January Wednesday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Noronha & Jenkinson Families- Thanksgiving Lauren Kierans-Intentions 3.00pm Hong Kong Community</p>	
<p>2nd January Thursday</p> <p>St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am For All Our Benefactors Evelyn Thomas-RIP(Known as Sister Gertie)</p>	
<p>3rd January Friday</p> <p>Christmas Feria Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mark Holder-RIP 6.30pm Joseph & Anne Marshall-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm.</p>
<p>4th January Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Canon John McKenna-Sp Intention John & Elizabeth Ward -RIP & Sean Ward-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>5th January</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Jo Duffield-Intentions 11.00am Anne & Pat McGowan-RIP Mary Ryan-RIP</p>	

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD 1st January

The holy Fathers of the Church, tell us again and again that Our Lady was more blessed in doing God's will than in being His Mother. She was blessed in two ways. She was blessed in being His Mother; she was blessed in being filled with the spirit of faith and obedience. And the latter blessedness was the greater...St Augustine says: 'More blessed was Mary in receiving the faith of Christ, than in receiving the flesh of Christ.' In like manner St Elizabeth says to her at the Visitation, 'Beata es quae credidisti- Blessed art thou who didst believe'; and St Chrysostom goes as far as to say that she would not have been blessed, even though she had borne Christ in the body, unless she had heard the word of God and kept it.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman



Please pray for: Father Brian Boyle, SCJ, Father Fred Sheldon, Noel Homes, Gerard Owen Courtney, Terence Patrick Wright (Robin Hood 10th January 9.30am), Raphael Lee, Agatha Sant, Michael Murtagh, Laura Bourke (Sr Chantal) formerly St Peter's School who died recently.

Also, Maureen Ferran, Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen(Kay) Margaret Perry, George Thomas Bicknell, Francis Gerard Kelly, Ann (Hilda) Hammond, Irene Elizabeth Whitehouse, Alice Devaney, Thomas Coyle, Reg Breakwell, John Francis (Tony) McCabe, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, James Joseph Dunleavy and all with anniversaries at this time.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Anne Ryder and Sue Wakeham. They can be contacted at sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.