

Sunday 29th December 2024 The Holy Family

Christmastide

Psalter week I

Year: C

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 28 th Dec	Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 29 th Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Feast Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 30 th Dec	No Mass
Tuesday 31 st Dec	St Anthony's Devotions followed by Mass at 7pm
Wednesday 1 st Jan	Mary, Mother of God - <i>Solemnity</i> Mass 9.30am
Thursday 2 nd Jan	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass
Friday 3 rd Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass
Saturday 4 th Jan	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 5 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord - <i>Solemnity</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Anne Porter RIP (SB)

Rosemary Prendergast RIP

Isobel Prendergast

Stella Brown (KC)

Eileen Wyatt

People of the Parish

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Pauline Cain and John Creaney who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.
The funeral Mass for John Creaney will be on Monday 6th January at 12 noon followed by the Crematorium at 2pm.

THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community, please pray for: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Peter Lloyd, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: John Walsh, Joan Acworth, Armando Fioretti, Sr. Patricia Quigley OSU. Maria Franchetti, Colin Bennett, Tony Jones, Mike Shalloe, Kay Edwards, Patrick Hutchinson, Dorothy Penlington, Eileen Chaloner, John Callaghan, Teresa Rush and Mary Crawford.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it is Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless and next week it is Jenny & Reta with proceeds to the Gardening group.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep the donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. Please do not put food donations in the understairs cupboard. 60kg of food was taken to the warehouse last week. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Season's Greetings to all and a hearty thanks for all the support you have given us during the year. It's only with that support that we are able to help as we do. Please pass any request for help to us. Contact can be made via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: We seek your suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on, things that will benefit the life of the parish now and that we can pass onto future parishioners. **Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church** and leave in the OMT envelope on the noticeboard or pass to Fr Patrick or any Parish Council member. **This is your chance to have a say on how this money can be spent – fill out a form today.**

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

POPE FRANCIS 'THROWS OPEN' HOLY DOOR TO INAUGURATE 2025 JUBILEE: On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and officially inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. With the liturgical gesture of the Door's opening at the start of the Christmas Mass during the Night, the Pope inaugurated the Ordinary Jubilee, a historic event taking place every 25 years. The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the same Holy Door on 6th Jan 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Pope said "During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!" The Holy Father invited us to pray so that this Jubilee may "strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

NEW TO THE PARISH OR JUST VISITING FOR CHRISTMAS? You are most welcome! Please pick up a leaflet about our Parish at the back of Church. If you are a new Parishioner, please give your details to Fr Patrick or to Paula in the office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 5th January at 9.30am Mass & **CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP:** Tuesday 7th Jan at 6.20pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Neill Robb will be covering for 1st January to 11th January.

Many thanks to all of our Parishioners who worked so hard and contributed in so many ways to making our Christmas celebrations so beautiful this year. Cleaners, flower arrangers, readers, musicians, singers and many more, too many to mention, but all vitally important and appreciated – THANK YOU
Thanks also to everyone, Parishioners, friends, family and visitors from far and wide who joined us for our Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and to Fr Patrick on celebrating his first Christmas with us here in St Clare's.



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