

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph • Year C

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2nd Reading 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

1st Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Gospel Luke 2: 41-52



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 upon which human society is built. A Christian family life is a powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ

◀ Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

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| Sat 29 th | 6:30 ^{pm} | Celebrating Nell & Dennis Higgins' Wedding Anniversary | First Mass of Sunday |
| Sun 30 th | 9.30 ^{am} | Judd Graham RIP | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C) |
| | 11.00 ^{am} | Mattie Fitzgerald RIP | |
| Mon 31 st | 9.30 ^{am} | Holy Souls | Mary, The Holy Mother of God |
| | 8.00 ^{pm} | In Honour of the Sacred Heart | |
| Tue 1 st | 11.00 ^{am} | In Honour of the Sacred Heart | |
| Wed 2 nd | 9.30 ^{am} | Connolly & Lee Families RIP | S ^c . Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen |
| Thu 3 rd | 9.30 ^{am} | Holy Souls | |
| | 12.00 ^{noon} | Funeral Mass | |
| Fri 4 th | 9.30 ^{am} | In Honour of the Sacred Heart | |
| Sat 5 th | 9.00 ^{am} 9.30 ^{am} | Morning Prayer & Exposition People of the Parish | First Mass of Sunday |
| | 6:30 ^{pm} | Sarah Malone RIP | |
| Sun 6 th | 9.30 ^{am} | Holy Souls | The Epiphany of the Lord (C) |
| | 11.00 ^{am} | 60 th Anniversary of Nell & Dennis Higgins | |

Please note the parish office will be closed from 12^{noon} on 21st December, and will re-open 9^{am} Monday 7th January 2019. Also please note that with immediate effect the Parish email accounts have changed as part of the diocesan GDPR initiative to make Church communications more secure.

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PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our blue "Prayers for Wellbeing", and black "Prayers of Remembrance" books are located at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

Confession times are: Monday - Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am & 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

NEW YEARS EVE - MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER MASS & CELEBRATION PARTY

This year we will be celebrating the New Year with a new Mass at 8^{pm}. If you attend this Mass, and would like to join the celebration in our hall afterwards, please contact Paula on 0776 153 0739.

Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for each person (adult or child). 55 of our 150 tickets have already gone. The party is from 8.30^{pm} to 1^{am}, music will be provided, but please bring your food and drink, which can be left in the hall before Mass.

CARER HELP REQUIRED

A carer for a local parishioner is required. Help is required twice a day, three days a week, between 1-2^{pm} and 6.30-7.30^{pm} and the carer will be paid £10.20/hour. No experience is required as training is provided. If you are interested please email: melissa.dyer1@virginmedia.com

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of this parish to donate money for the flowers and decorations of the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'. A Mass will be offered for them after Christmas. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' - writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

Our next lesson is **Sunday 13th January at 10^{am}** in the hall.

Chapter 6: The Word of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION '19

Our next lesson is **Friday 11th January at 7.30^{pm}** in the hall.

Chapter 6: Baptisms.

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.