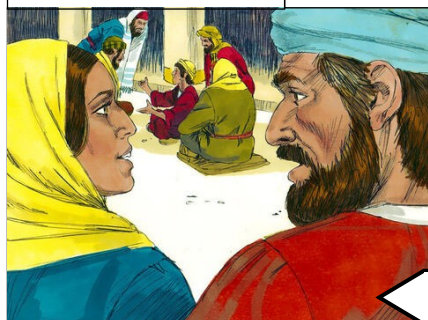


26th December 2021: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (C)

Mass Book Page 105	1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24	Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 243 Offertory: 144	Communion: 78 Post-Communion: 341	Recessional:



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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 25 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 26	✠ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (C)
09.30	Steve Florence RIP
11.00	Paul McCarthy RIP
Mon 27	<i>Saint † John</i>
11.00	Wellbeing of Mary Bradley Rosary
Tue 28	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
11.00	Peter Doherty RIP Rosary
Wed 29	<i>Saint Thomas of Canterbury</i>
09.30	Wellbeing of Kathy Kramers Rosary
Thu 30	
09:30	Michael Bowden RIP Rosary
Fri 31	
10.30	Doffou Nobert Ede RIP Exposition

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Sat 01	<i>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Dorothy Madge Medici RIP
Sun 02	✠ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (C)
09.30	Wellbeing for Emeka Maduaka
11.00	Thanksgiving Mass to Divine Mercy for our Great-Granddaughter Chiara - Henry & Minna

SHARING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's feast urges us to see the in Holy Family a shining example for all family life. In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God's will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.

Reflecting on the Readings

First Reading (1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28) Hannah saw Samuel as a gift from God, a sign of God's favour to her. After his birth she returned to the temple to give thanks to God. In due time Samuel, made his own dedication, and went on to play a major role in the history of Israel. Ideally this is the way every child should be welcomed into life.

Second Reading (1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24) In his love for us God has made us his children, and destined us one day to see him as he is. This means we are part of God's family. We should live a life that is consistent with this great hope by keeping his commandments. His commandments are that we should believe in his Son Jesus Christ and love one another.

Gospel (Luke 2: 41-52) This tells the story of how the twelve-year old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem. The incident shows the love Mary and Joseph had for Jesus. Afterwards Jesus went down to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph obeying them. Although he was a Son, 'he learned obedience' (Hebrew 5:8). We are inclined to say that Jesus got lost in the Temple. It would be truer to say that he began to find himself in the Temple. Here the boy Jesus calls God his Father. And here he began to show his wisdom, a wisdom that amazes those who hear him. This anticipates the kind

of amazement at his teaching that will mark his ministry.

THE COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese. An envelope is attached to this week's newsletter for donations, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS St Philip Neri, Sydenham". If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Christmas Offering envelope or enter your Gift Aid number on the attached envelope. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2022

Applications are invited from all parents with children ready to receive the sacrament of confirmation. Application forms will be sent out by email to those who ask for them. We hope to begin the programme of preparing children for confirmation in January 2022.

MISSIO CALENDARS 2022

We have Missio Calendars on the table at the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and another for a friend. This calendar can help you to keep appointments. It can help you to follow the daily feasts, saint days and major hold days of the church.

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'. The Mass on Sunday 30th January at 9.30am will be offered for them. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' – writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£199** • Not Gift Aided **£314**

2nd Collection Pew Kneelers: **£186**

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (38) • Sun 09.30 (76), 11.00 (85)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Christmas Offering**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

DONATING

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

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