

6.30 pm Mass

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Happy New Year** 

**Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14 Page 106** Colossians 3: 12-21 Luke 2: 22-40 In the first reading God honours the authority of parents and how children showing respect for them brings blessings and atonement for sins. Also to respect them in their old age even if their "mind should fail" and how important it is to show sympathy and not despise them in their infirmity is an act of kindness. (Very reassuring for those of my age !!) In the second reading St Paul's writes to the Colossians in Asia Minor, now Turkey, as he is concerned about them keeping to Christian principles. As God's chosen race, they must embrace compassion, kindness, humility and patience. Forgive as the Lord forgives, let "the peace of Christ reign in your hearts" and do all in the name of Christ. He has advice for parents and a message for wives who must "give way to your husband" typical of St Paul's attitude to women... In Luke's gospel we are told of how Mary and Joseph, obeying Jewish tradition, took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth and to perform the redemption of the first born in obedience to the Law of Moses. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognised Jesus as the Messiah, prophesying His impact and Mary's future sorrow. The prophetess Anna also acknowledged Jesus, praising God and speaking of Him to those awaiting Jerusalem's redemption. Then the family returned to Nazareth where Jesus "grew to maturity, and was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him". This emphasises the importance of the growth of virtue and grace and that spiritual and moral development is a lifelong process nurtured within the family. We must use Mary and Joseph in the Holy Family in Nazareth as a model for how we interact in our families. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> St Egwin An Anglo-Saxon born in about 660, a descendant of the Mercian kings
	in central England. He became a monk in his youth. Appointed Bishop of Worcester in 692. With his
6pm: Confessions	zeal, the severity of opposing evil and his reforms he incurred the hostility of some in his diocese.
•	He went on a penitential pilgrimage to Rome to answer to the pope for complaints that had been
6.30pm Vigil Mass	made against him. He returned to England and was more forgiving. With the help of King Ethelred
Maureen and	of Mercia he founded the famous Abbey of Evesham in the honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He
Michael Duggan	then undertook another pilgrimage to Rome in the company of King Conrad of Mercia and King Offa
RIP	of the East Saxons. He obtained considerable privileges for his foundation from Pope Constantine.
	Bishop Egwin died on 30 <sup>th</sup> December 717 and was buried in the monastery at Evesham.  Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9.30 am Mass	
9.30 alli Wass	Benny Kochulparambil and Joseph Devasia Manamel RIP
	2 hours of Adoration from 9 pm to 11 pm
10 am Mass	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January New Year's Day Mary, the Holy Mother of God It is often forgotten
Thanksgiving	that Mary was in her early teens when Jesus was born. St Bernadette, who had the apparition in
Mass for 54 <sup>th</sup>	Lourdes, described Our Lady as no taller than her and of the same age. Bernadette was short for
	her 14 years at 4ft 7ins and said the tall elegant statues of Mary bore no resemblance to the young
Wedding	Jewish girl who appeared to her. Considering the ages of Mary and Joseph, both in their teens, the
Anniversary of	journey of about 95miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the much longer flight into Egypt through difficult and dangerous territory is quite amazing. Mary and Joseph were devoted model parents.
Devasia and Mary	Joseph was probably not just a carpenter but an artisan well known in the area for working in wood
(No 6.30pm Mass)	and stone. Mary was with Jesus right up to his death when she would have been in her late 40's
(111 010 0)	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Basil the Great of Caesarea Born in 330 in Caesarea to wealthy and saintrly
40 000 14	Christian Greek family, one of 10 children. His paternal grandmother, mother, father, one sister and
10 am Mass	three brothers are all venerated as saints. Educated in Caesarea where he met his close friend
Elyamma Joseph	Gregory of Nazianzus. He then studied advanced rhetoric and philosophy in Constantinople and
RIP	Athens where he met up with Gregory of Nazianzus again.
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Genevieve of Paris Born about 422 in France. Was a shepherd when she
SVP Social	was young. St Germanus encouraged her piety and wish to have her life consecrated to God. When
1pm to 3pm	her parents died went to live with her godmother in Paris. Devoted herself to works of charity which
	upset some traders. Lived austere life style. Reported she had visions which her enemies declared
	was fraud and tried to drown her. St Germanus supported her and convinced her enemies she was

genuine. Bishop of Paris put her in charge of consecrated virgins in Paris area. Saved Paris from

famine in 451 and from Attila the Hun in 464. She died in about 502. Patron saint of Paris.

10 am Mass	society New You Bayley attended surgeon during through the city with that faith. In member of the children. Her farejected Elizabeth becamarriage brokes stepbrothers are residence in fair The happy coup the underprivile his health but converted to Comuch to the op	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> St Elizabeth Ann Seton. First American to be canonised. Born in 1774 into high society New York. Daughter of a distinguished physician and first health officer of New York. Dr Bayley attended to immigrants disembarking onto Staten Island. He had been a British Redcoat's surgeon during the War of Independence. He cared for New Yorkers when yellow fever swept through the city. Her mother was the daughter of an Episcopal rector so Elizabeth was brought up with that faith. Her mother died in 1777 in childbirth and her father eventually married again to a member of the Roosevelt family to look after his two surviving daughters. The new couple had five children. Her father with new responsibilities was often away from home. Eventually the stepmother rejected Elizabeth and Mary who went to live with their paternal uncle and his wife. During this time Elizabeth became an accomplished horsewoman. When her father returned from his travel his marriage broke up and the two girls went to live again with their father to look after their stepbrothers and stepsisters. Aged 19 Elizabeth married a wealthy businessman and they had a residence in fashionable Wall Street. They attended the Trinity Episcopal Church near Broadway. The happy couple had five children. Her Episcopalian faith had developed her interest in the help of the underprivileged and education of the poor. When her husband was ill they travelled to Italy for his health but he died there. Elizabeth was attracted to the Catholic Church while in Italy. She converted to Catholicism when she returned to New York as did her sister-in-law Cecilia Seton much to the opposition of their Episcopal family. She established the first Catholic girls' school in USA. Founded the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of St Joseph. Died 4 <sup>th</sup> January 1821 aged 46.  Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> St Genoveva Torres Morales. Born in 1870 in Spain to poor parents who died when she was 8 years old. She took charge of the household with an elder brother, the only two of six children to survive						
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kind and her sense of humour was legendary. "Angel of Solitude". Died in 1956.  Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> St Andre Bessettte Born Alfred Bessette, a very frail child in Canada in 1845 to a poor large family, 4 of whom died in infancy. Orphaned when age 12 and taken in by another family who sent him to school for a short time. Developed devotions to <i>St Joseph</i> and the <i>Passion of Christ</i> . With little education worked at many types of manual jobs but was too physically weak to sustain them. Parish priest recognised his sanctity and devotion. With the help of the Archbishop of Montreal, he managed to get Alfred accepted by the Holy Cross Brothers in Montreal as Brother Andre. Too weak to do other tasks he was made doorkeeper and porter at a school for boys in Montreal. He dreamt of building a chapel in honour of St Joseph on a nearby mountain. Gained a reputation for curing sick with prayers and devotion to St Joseph.								
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Ja	•	The Epiphany of t					
PLEASE			RECORDING NAM		NTENTION			
			d for the following	people				
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley						

## **NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Fr Thomas wishes to thank all those who donated towards his Christmas gift

Those with gift aid envelopes can still donate to Fr Thomas as the final total will be given next week when donations online have been checked. Cash donations that are not gift aided can be put in an envelope for Fr Thomas. Collection so far: Envelopes: £385 (Gift Aid: £96.25). Loose plate: £142.20. Total so far: £623.45

New Year's Eve Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December; 9.30 am morning Mass to welcome the New Year Also to prepare for the New Year: 2 hours of Adoration from 9 pm to 11 pm on Sunday evening New Year's Day: 10 am Mass (instead of the usual 6.30 pm Mass on a Monday).

## SVP Social this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of 2 hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

Parish collection for last weekend 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> December										
	Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
_	£58.50	£14.62	£67.92	£242.54	£51.98	£435.56				£435.56