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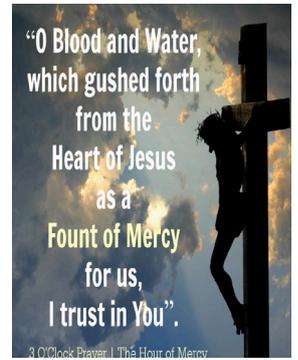
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Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph - B

31st December 2023
Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Parish Mass Book, Page 42 (alternative readings)

- First Reading: Gen 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3
- Responsorial Psalm **He, the Lord, is our God, He remembers his covenant for ever**
- Second Reading: Heb 11: 8.11-12, 17-19
- Gospel: Lk 2: 22-40

Weekly Collection

Please support your Parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last week's collection

First Collection : £ 675.06

Building Fund: £1562.17

Christmas Offertory Collection: £1249.46

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Church Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize R Charnley (108)

2nd Prize L Mullen (432)

3rd Prize G Slevin (120)

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens; Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, John Slevin, Cathie Wilson, Angela Quigley, Matthew Miller, Carrie Miller, Andrew Maxwell, Hugh Kelly, Kerry Marshall; John Paul Devlin, Caroline Miller; Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Margaret Trower, Maria Bolton

RIP: Gordon Manson

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Rosemary O'Neill, Denis Tiernan, Janette Tiernan, June Stewart, John, Catherine, Jim, Michael & Teresa McAlinden, John, Pat & Josephine Rennie, Kay McKenna & Claire Rooney, Jenny & Jimmy Docherty, Margaret & James Smith

Anniversaries: Thomas Tiernan, Denis Leonard, Catherine & John Rennie, Jim McKenna, Mary Higgins

Christmas Remembrance: Annie Fisher, Bill & Anna Lysohirka, Ina McInally, Kathleen Cairns, Annie Hillan, Patsy Robertson, James & Lizzie Prunty, Sarah Duffy

60th Wedding Anniversary: Peter & Veronica Hansen

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

Reflection - Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Ideally a family is a little community of love. The atmosphere in home is more important than the furnishings in that house. The atmosphere is determined by the quality of the relationships.

Parents and children contribute to the making of that atmosphere. Family life is very challenging. It can't be only about receiving, it must also be about giving, family ties enrich us but also ties us down. They involve ties of duty and love.

The Holy Family had its share of troubles. When the time came for Jesus to be born, Joseph and Mary could find no accommodation and their joy at his birth was short lived, because he immediately became a target for Herod's murderers. They had to flee with the child to a foreign country where they discovered what it was like to be an alien. Back to Nazareth, during their visit to Jerusalem Jesus got lost in and it took them 3 days to find him. Finally came the ignominy of the crucifixion their son. In view of all this, no one can claim that the Holy family lived a sheltered and trouble-free life.

Our family too are visited by sorrow and misunderstandings, and problems of one kind or another. There is no such thing as a perfect family. Every family goes through rough times. Every family has to make sacrifices. Wherever human beings are living under one roof misunderstandings and conflicts occur. All of us are wounded by sin. What is important is how we deal with these problems, and how we resolve these conflicts. The holy family had to struggle and to make sacrifices, but these are precisely the things which form a bond between people. People are closer to one

another in hard times than in good times. There is more depth to relationships that have weathered some storms.

New Year's Day, Monday 1st January. Solemnity of Mary , Holy Mother of God, Holy mass at 11am

January the 1st is the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God; and all is about the incarnation. God did not simply briefly appear in human form, but actually inseparably and eternally united himself to a human nature. In Jesus, God truly became man . . . and that man had, and still has, a mother. So affirmed the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in confirming the title of Mary as Mother of God.

God the Son united himself with a human nature forever. Humanity and divinity were so closely bound together in Jesus, son of Mary, that they could never be separated again. Everything that would be done by the son of Mary would be the act both of God and of man. So, it would be right to say that a man raised Lazarus from the dead and commanded the wind and waves, that God was born that first Christmas day and that, on Good Friday, God died. The Council of Ephesus, once confirmed by the Pope, became the third ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, and its teaching in this matter is dogma, truth revealed by God which all are bound to accept.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

*May God bless you and your family
with prosperity, good health and
happiness in the New Year.*

Father Ghislain