

St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden

Sunday 17th December 2017
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

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Sunday Readings Year B
Christmas Bumper Bulletin

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	11.30am	Solemn Mass
	5.30pm	Mass

OTHER SERVICES

Rosary: Monday- Saturday
after the 10am Mass (except Thurs)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays
from 10am Mass until 9pm, and also
on 1st Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30am.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30 & 5.15 - 5.45

Thursday 6.30-7.30pm

SHRINE LAMPS are for:

Week beginning 16th December:

Our Lady: Limson Family Intentions
St Joseph: Liberata Vella's Intentions
St Pius X: For all our Priests
St Therese/ St John Fisher:
Therese Hoey's Intentions
St Thomas More/ St Anthony:
The Needy of the Parish.

Week beginning 23rd December:

Our Lady: Peggy & Leslie Dickie RIP;
Amanda C Dickie's Intentions
St Joseph: Liberata Vella's Intentions
St Pius X: For Peace this Christmas
St Therese/ St John Fisher:
Therese Hoey's Intentions
St Thomas More/ St Anthony:
Those who are lonely this Christmas.

Week beginning 30th December:

Our Lady: Patrick Murray Wellbeing
St Joseph: For all our Parishioners
St Pius X: For a Peaceful New Year
St Therese/ St John Fisher:
Therese Hoey's Intentions
St Thomas More/ St Anthony:
Liberata Vella's Intentions.

This Year's Christmas Crib offerings, at the Archbishop's suggestion, are for The Catholic Children's Society for the Southwark Crisis Fund, (details on the back page).

Sacred Heart Shrine Intentions are suspended in the Christmas Season, replaced by the Christmas Crib.



Father Uche,
Fr Michael Gwinnell &
Deacon John-Simon,
wish all Parishioners a

Holy and very
Happy Christmas,
and pray for God's
Blessing on your
homes and families.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

This is your personal gift to Fr Uche, who will give a portion of his offerings to needy Priests, and to the Missions.

If you give by Gift-Aid envelopes, please use the one from your box. If not, please use the attached Christmas offering envelope.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT A GLANCE

Sunday 24th, Christmas Eve

5.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass (there may be a second Mass at the same time in the hall)

11.30pm ~ Reading & Carols

Monday 25th, Christmas Day

12 Midnight ~ Midnight Mass

9.30 am & 11.30 am ~ Mass

NB. No 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day

A BIG THANK YOU to all who bought children's/babies' Christmas presents which were divided between the Good Counsel Network & the (Westminster) Catholic Children's Society, who were delighted & most grateful to receive such generous gifts.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN OUR BOOKSHOP

Visit us in the Pastoral Centre to browse our wide variety of Charity Christmas Cards, Christmas Candles, etc. See our wonderful range of children's Christmas story books, colouring books and other gift ideas. Every Catholic home needs a Christmas Crib & Bambinis, of which we have a great selection - Come and browse after any weekend Mass

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THE PARISH OFFICE is closed during the Christmas Holidays, and re-opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES, FEASTS, READINGS & INTENTIONS



Sunday 17th December 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Gaudete Sunday - Blessing of Bambini
(Baby Jesus from your home Crib) at all Masses.

ROTAS Team 3 today
Divine Office: Week 3

Monday 18th 7 & 10am Mass
Advent Feria

Tuesday 19th 7 & 10am Mass
Advent Feria

Wednesday 20th 10am Mass
Advent Feria

Thursday 21st 7 & 10am Mass
Advent Feria (St Peter Canisius, Priest &
Doctor of the Church)

Friday 22nd 7 & 10am Mass
Advent Feria

Saturday 23rd 10am Mass
Advent Feria (St John of Kanty, Priest)

READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEK

Sun 17th: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
M. Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
T. Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Luke 1:5-25
W. Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Th. Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18
F. 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
S. Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun. (Sat) 6pm Angelo Cattaneo RIP,
9.30 Francisco Joao RIP, 11.30 People of
the Parish, 5.30 Alice Carberry RIP;
Mon. 7. Elizabeth Barnes RIP, 10. Brien
Hoddinot RIP; **Tue.** 7. Eileen Hughes,
10. In Thanksgiving; **Wed** 10. James Fagan
RIP; **Thur.** 7. Sharon Kelly Kenny RIP,
10. Mr D Maharaj RIP, **Fri.** 7. Noel
Fitzsimons RIP, 10. Aloysius Corrie RIP;
Sat. 10. Eleanor Downey.

**FR UCHE goes on his annual
post - Christmas break, on
Boxing Day - 26th December,
till the end of January.**

He has arranged for Fr Jude
Ogbuanu to be with us throughout
that period, to keep things ticking
and see to the needs of the Parish.
Fr Jude will be residing in the
Presbytery, which will enable him
to do this more easily.

We welcome Fr Jude warmly, and
wish him the best for his month
with us, and assure him of our co-
operation and assistance.

Sunday 24th December 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers
6pm (Sat), 9.30 & 11.30am Sunday Masses

ROTAS Team 4 today.
Divine Office: Week 4

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm Vigil Mass
11.30pm Reading & Carols leading

into . . **Monday 25th December 2017**

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

0000 Midnight Mass (starts at midnight!)

9.30 & 11.30am Masses of the Day

NB. There is no 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day

NB. No 7am Mass until Tues 2nd Jan 2018

Tuesday 26th 10am Mass
St Stephen, The First Martyr *

Wednesday 27th 10am Mass
St John, Apostle & Evangelist *

Thursday 28th 10am Mass
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs *

Friday 29th 10am Mass
St Thomas of Canterbury,
Bishop & Martyr *

Saturday 30th 10am Mass
Sixth Day within the Christmas Octave

READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEK

Sun 24th: 4th Sun of Advent: 2 Samuel
7:1-5, 8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Christmas Vigil Mass: Isaiah 62:1-5;
Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
Mon 25th: Christmas Midnight Mass:
Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Mon 25th: Christmas Mass of the Day:
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
T. Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 *
W. 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 *
Th. 1 John 1:5 - 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 *
F. Colossians 1:24-29;
Luke 22:24-30 or Matthew 10:28-33 *
S. 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun. (Sat) 6pm Special Intention, 9.30
People of the Parish, 11.30 Agnes's
Special Birthday, 5.30pm (Christmas Vigil
Mass) George Keddy RIP, **Mon.** Midnight
Mass Joshua Lynagh Foday RIP; 9.30
Joanna Nicholson RIP, 11.30 Bartholomew
& Ellen Murphy RIP, **NB. No 5.30 Mass
today;** **Tue.** 10. Eileen Mulkerins; **Wed.** 10.
Teresa Wright RIP; **Thur.** 10. Fullness of
health of mind & body; **Fri.** 10. Mr & Mrs
J Hourigan; **Sat.** 10. Yolanda Dias RIP.

Sunday 31st December 2017

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

ROTAS Team 1 today
Divine Office: Week 1



Monday 1st Jan 10am Mass
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday 2nd Jan 10am Mass
SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Wednesday 3rd Jan 10am Mass
Christmas Feria,
or The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday 4th Jan 7 & 10am Mass
Christmas Feria

Friday 5th Jan 7 & 10am Mass
Christmas Feria

Saturday 6th Jan 10am Mass
Christmas Feria

READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEK

Sun 31st: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19; Luke 2:22-40 *
M. Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21 *
T. 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
W. 1 John 2:29 - 3:6; John 1:29-34
Th. 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
F. 1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51;
S. 1 John 5:5-13;
Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38
Sun 7th Jan - The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

* Proper Readings on Feasts and Solemnities

MASS INTENTIONS & DONORS

THIS WEEK (beginning 31st December)

Sun. (Sat) 6pm Ryder Family (R & E
Downey), 9.30 Augustus Pinto &
Filomena de Jesus RIP (J Joao), 11.30
Bernadette Tolley - Thanksgiving
(Rowena), 5.30 People of the Parish;
Mon. 10. Harry Conroy RIP
(S Thorogood); **Tue.** 7. Monica Latham
RIP (R Glencross), 10. Thanksgiving
(F Marshall); **Wed** 10. John Wright RIP
(M Wright); **Thur.** 7. Ronald Grostate's
Birthday (C Donnelly), 10. John
Flaherty RIP (UCM), **Fri.** 7. Fullness
of health of mind and body (I Okafor),
10. Francis D'Souza RIP (M D'Souza);
Sat. 10. Brenda Corrie - Wellbeing
(O & A Patton).

Sunday 7th January 2018
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ROTAS Team 1 today
Divine Office: Week 1



MASS INTENTIONS (and Donors) for January 2018

Sunday 7th January

Sat. 6pm Douglas James Wheeler RIP (G Wheeler)
9.30 Family Joao (J Joao)
11.30 Hawah Duncan - In Thanksgiving (M Sampson)
5.30 People of the Parish

Monday 8th

7. Vittoria Raimondo RIP *
10. Wellbeing of Simone Karque (C Bacchus)

Tuesday 9th

7. Elizabeth Clark RIP *
10. Denise Kidd - Wellbeing (M Wills)

Wednesday 10th

10. Special Intention (L Butler)

Thur 11th 7. Fullness of Health of mind & body (I Okafor)

10. Anthony Vella's 70th Birthday (A Vella)

Friday 12th 7. Mrs Duff RIP *

10. Brian Rogers RIP (S Thorogood)

Sat 13th 10. Claude Aubrey Radcliffe RIP (G Radcliffe)

Sunday 14th January

Sat. 6pm Michael Carroll RIP (S Carroll)
9.30 Da Silva Family (F Da Silva)
11.30 People of the Parish
5.30 Peggy Dickie RIP (A C Dickie)

Monday 15th 7. Fullness of Health of mind & body (I Okafor)
10. Catherine (Kate) Flood RIP (F Marshall)

Tuesday 16th 7. Mr R Hourigan RIP (S Maharaj)
10. Willbert Paterson RIP (T & P Paterson)

Wed 17th 10. M Loftus RIP *

Thursday 18th

7. James O'Connell RIP (UCM)
10. Joan Hale's Birthday (A & F Vella)

Fri 19th 7. T'giving to God for his Mercies & Blessings (I Okafor)
10. Bill Wills - thanksgiving for eyes & good health (UCM)

Saturday 20th 10. Claude Aubrey Radcliffe RIP (G Radcliffe)

Sunday 21st January

Sat. 6pm Anne McGerraty (F Haughey)
9.30 Filomena de Jesus Pinto RIP (J Joao)
11.30 Jose Manuel, Giovanni & Hernando RIP (M Gomez)
5.30 People of the Parish

Mon. 22nd 7. Fullness of Health of mind & body (I Okafor)
10. Imelda O'Meara (F Doyle)

Tuesday 23rd 7. James O'Connell RIP (R O'Connell)
10. Kitty Gilronan wellbeing (UCM)

Wednesday 24th 10. Mrs Josie Flaherty (Russell/Willis families)

Thur 25th 7. T'giving to God for his mercies & blessings (I Okafor)
10. John Flaherty RIP (M Ford)

Friday 26th 7. Claude Aubrey Radcliffe RIP (G Radcliffe)
10. Mandy Abbott RIP (S Morrissey)

Saturday 21st 10. T'giving for Parishioners' Prayers (R Ng)

Sunday 28th January

Sat. 6pm Teresa Wright RIP (M Wright)
9.30. Da Silva Family (F Da Silva)
11.30 People of the Parish
5.30 Mrs Helen Gaffney RIP (M Vanderpant)

Monday 29th 7. Thanksgiving (C Limson)
10. Vashni Family (Vashni Fam)

Tuesday 30th 7. Fullness of Health of mind & body (I Okafor)
10. Canon Kevin O'Connor RIP (F Marshall)

Wednesday 31st

10. Thanksgiving (S Zhou)

Thursday 1st February

7. William Fagan RIP (Anon)
10. Jim Smyth RIP (UCM)

Fri 2nd 7. T'giving to God for his mercies & blessings (I Okafor)
10. Mary O'Driscoll's 90th Birthday (M Tomlinson)

Sat 3rd 10. Claude Aubrey Radcliffe RIP (G Radcliffe)

Sick and Housebound: We pray for Sick & Housebound Parishioners during Thursday Eucharistic Adoration. Holy Communion is taken to them weekly by our Extra-ordinary Ministers. Our Priests visit all the Housebound during Advent and Lent, and at need, for the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing. Please tell the Parish Office of anyone who needs visiting by a Priest, or by SVP.

Angela Balogun, Robert & Diana Baty, Peggy Beard, Mike Bennett, Colin Benyon, Delma Bouvier, Geoff Brand, Elizabeth Brennan, William Brenninkmeijer, Denis Brick, Margaret Brooks, Andrew Brown, Ernest Budden, Irene Butterworth, Edith Byrne, Noel Byrne, Chris Clark, Mary Colleoy, Nancy Connolly, Anne Convey, Eileen Cornwell, Brenda Corrie, Helen Croston, Helena Czerniewicz, Mariam Dinka, Francis Doyle, Marie Fahy, Marie Ferguson, Gabriel Finnigan, Josephina Fisher, Tony Fisher, Mary Fitzgerald, Kathleen Foale, Monica Ford, Wendy Ford, Antoinette Fowler, Isobel Gaffney, Grace Gnanasakthy, Norrie Golden, Eileen Gregory, James Greigan, Terry Harman, Ann Harvey, John Hawkins, Therese Hoey, Angela Humphrey, Donald Inkster, David & Maureen Jacobs, Kathleen Jones, Helen Kaegler, Barbara Keane, Nora Keigher, Katherine Kozielski, Ann Lambe, Ethel Larkin, Margaret Leatherbarrow, Cindy-Ann Lim, Ann Linnane, Margaret Lumley, Sylvia Lypka, Jenny McCarthy, Frank MacGuinness, Natalie McCloud, Maureen McGloine,, Ellen McNally, Teresa Mahoney, Mary Malloy, Anne Manson, Joe Murphy, Dora Nash, Teresa Nelson, Jacqueline Neveu, Michael Ng, Stella Nichollas, Agnes O'Brien, Vincent O'Connor, Sadie O'Donovan, Brian O'Gorman, Nancy O'Gorman, John O'Hara, Mary O'Sullivan, Maureen Oliver, Pamela Owens, Rosa Paddon, John & Brenda Park, Michael Pearson, Margaret Peralta, Terry Phipps, Tim Quane, Catherine Reynolds, Andrew Rosemeyer, Liam Sammon, Anne Sandford, Carmala Sarvesvaran,, Winifred Sawyer, Diana & Gordon Simpson, Maria Amparo Smith, Mike Stanley, Lilian Stephenson, Joan Stevens, Catherine Stewart, Peter Stewart, Anne Sullivan, Nina Sutton, Christine Taylor, Dorothy Toohill, Robert Tolley, Mary Waggott, Geraldine Waterhouse, Anna Waterstone, Monica Whelton, Gloria Wheeler, Mary Wheeler, Josefina Wheeler, Colwyn Wittinbaker, Andrew Woods, John Woods, and Lindy Wright-Plant.

January Anniversaries of Death

1st James Wilkinson, Lawrence Cuminskey, Charles Buckland, **2nd** Kathleen Eason, Ann Gonet, Eileen Sullivan, John Taylor, **3rd** Louise Detourney, **4th** Bernard Roberts, Joshua King, Carole Otto, **5th** Oliver Warner, Ernest Palmer, James Lawton, **6th** Mercedes Nassell, Desmond Martin, Gloria Morano-Castillo, **7th** William Walter Molony, Violet Walters, **8th** Susan Booker, Pietro Lupo, **9th** Elizabeth Clarke, Henry Senaratne, Sir Charles Curran, John McLoughlin, Eileen Betts, **10th** Margarita (Rita) Henchy, **11th** John Backous, Laurence Coleman, Edith Black, Charles Eaton, **12th** Nicholas McCullum, Marjorie Mullins, Katherine Cank, **13th** Balbina Saiz, **14th** Arthur Somerford, Grace Pendlebury, Eileen Lawton, Peggy Dickie, John Curtis, **15th** Michael Carroll, Esther Fox, Dorothea Elizabeth Hodson, **16th** Olive Donegan, Patrick Brooks, Gustav George, Anna Iacomelli, **17th** Mary Leech, Bernard Foster, **18th** Joan Burgermeister, **19th** Annie Durkin, Amadeo Brentovich, **20th** Mary Johan Dowds, Michael Shiel, Denis Mahoney, **21st** Gordon Duckett, Jean Greta Myers, Bridget Waters, Catherine McCartie, William Curtis, Joao Neves, **22nd** Cecilia Knott, Veronica Boniface, Yacoub Romaya, **23rd** James Norman, Gwendoline Don, Julia Sheil, **24th** Domenico Ioacomelli, **25th** Eva Delannoy, Elizabeth Clarke, Ellen Collins, David Downes, **27th** Frank Rinaldi, Vincent Van Dort, Norah O'Sullivan **28th** Laura Snalune, Henry Wing Sik Lau, Mary O'Connell, **29th** Kathleen Madden, Eileen Gasson, **30th** John Healey, Neil (Sonny) McNelis, John Trapnell, Sheila McSweeney, Denis Francis Mahoney, **31st** Gemma Best, Douglas Dowds, Kathleen Cater, Jerzy Preiss, Marsha Saratne, Bersafoni Vanda Evans.

Please pray for **Kay Kennedy & Jim Crawford**, who died recently, and for those whose anniversary occur this month.

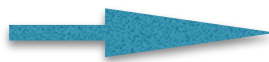
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Sunday 31st December 2017

When we think of the Holy Family, perhaps we have a picture of the perfect family. Complete harmony in the household, no disagreements or arguments at meal times. In times of danger, angels may appear to give a warning and in times of doubt the angels gently whisper into the ears of Mary and Joseph to give encouragement. Maybe it's a picture of the Holy Family cut off from the storms of life. However, if we look at the Scriptures we find this is not the reality. Although we are not told much about the Holy Family, we do get some glimpses of what their life was like and they had more than their fair share of trouble.

First of all there is the birth of Jesus with no room at the inn coupled with the fact that giving birth for a woman at this time was the most dangerous and life threatening event she could go through. How stressful is that!

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THE CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS (during this Year of Mercy, and at our Archbishop's suggestion) will this year be for:

1. **The Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund** as an effective and imaginative way of helping children and families in our Archdiocese of Southwark who are in immediate need during this winter. Please give generously either at our Crib, or by visiting: www.cathchild.org.uk, or text CCSW12 (plus the amount, e.g.. £2, £5, £10, etc), to 70070. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" *John 3:16*

THE NEXT UCM MEETING IN THE NEW YEAR is on Thursday 4th January @ 7.30pm. This will be a purely social gathering and all members are asked to bring light refreshments to share. Please be reminded that the annual subscription of £14 will be due then.

FOOD BANK

As many of you will be aware, our monthly Food Bank collection takes place on the first weekend of every month. You can leave your donations in the green crates in the pastoral centre, before and after all Masses.

The next collection is on **Saturday 6th January and Sunday 7th January.**

The Food Bank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As we approach Advent and Christmas, demand for help from the Food Bank will increase significantly. Your generous donations are more important than ever in helping those who need our support.

The Food Bank urgently needs the following items: sugar (500g bags), custard, steam puddings, long-life milk, long-life juice, fruit squash, noodles, instant mash, vegetarian meals.

Donations of tinned meat and fish, pasta sauce, cereal, tinned fruit, rice pudding, jam, biscuits, vegetables, spaghetti, are also welcome.

Thank you for your support.

WEEK OF PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPOCU) 18-25 JAN 2018

Summary of events being held during this week:

1030 Thurs 18 th	St James' service
0830 Sat 20 th	St John's Breakfast
2000 Mon 22 nd	St Joseph's unity service in the Parish Hall (organised by the Methodist Church - all invited)
1230 Wed 24 th	NMMC noon communion service

Catholic man - mid 30s - currently seeking room to rent. Any information please call 07922 114647. Thank you.

NB. Please make sure children are supervised when in church, especially at this busy time. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

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Then Jesus became the target for Herod's murderers, so the family had to flee as refugees to another country, they had no permanent home. Then of course when they get back to Nazareth they had to begin life all over again.

When Jesus was twelve he was lost on a visit to Jerusalem leaving very worried parents full of fear and sorrow. Then during the ministry of Jesus, Mary worried for her Son, at one point she tried to rescue him from the crowds. She witnessed the net of authority close around him and then the crucifixion. It's hard to imagine what sorrow she must have felt. This was prophesied in the words of Simeon when Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the temple: "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

All families today have their share of sorrows, misunderstandings and problems of one kind or another, we are all wounded by sin. But the Holy Family does provide us with hope. We know they went through pain and suffering just like us, but that it turned out all right in the end. Mary lived through the resurrection. When we face problems in our own families we can pray and hope for God to work through them. What is important is how we deal with the problems and how we resolve conflict. People are often closer to one another in hard times than in good, there is more depth to relationships that have weathered storms.

Take some time to reflect on your own family, thank God for the gift of life and the blessings you have, but also lift up any difficulties in prayer with the knowledge that He is present with us today.

The collection for our Altar Servers' Christmas lunch raised **£310.66**. Thank you for your generosity.