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THE NEWSLETTER

Feast of the Holy Family (Year C)

Date		Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Christmas Day
		11.00am St P's	Howard & Seed families	
Su	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of the Holy Family
		11.00am St P's	Holden and Bailey families RIP	
Μ	27 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		St John apostle and evangelist
Т	$28^{th}$	8.00am St P's	Russell Barton L	The Holy Innocents Mm
W	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Mary O Brien Sp Int	St Thomas of Canterbury
Th	30 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		6 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave
F	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am St P's	Cath Champ (for health)	7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave

(Each Saturday there is a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time: Richard Platt, Carol Ann Thomasson, Florence Smallman, Joseph Holden, May Holden, Richard Henry Bolton, Bernard Edward Snape, Ann Isherwood, Anne Ayrton, Clare Rawcliffe and Sam Smith. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.* 

Readings at Mass

	The Holy Family (Yr C)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Nativity
First	1 Sam 1;20–22, 24-28	Ecclus 51; 11 - 17
Second	I John 3; 1 - 2, 21 - 24	Eph 3; 3 – 6, 15 - 18
Gospel	Luke 2; 41 - 52	John 1; 1 - 18

# Diocesan Website:

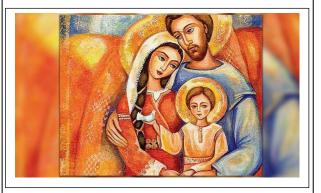
http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

# New Year wishes

The parish priest and the newsletter team would like to wish all of our readers a blessed New Year.

**Praying with the Pope in December 2021** We pray for Catechists, called to announce the word of God and to bear witness with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Look at <u>www.ThePopeVideo.org</u> for more information



He came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. With new government legislation, wearing a face mask in church becomes compulsory once more. We have to keep them on to sing. Please remember to sanitise and socially distance. Some people are vulnerable, so please respect their space. Hopefully we can keep everyone safe as they come to church.

Usual Mass times are as follows:

Saturday

4.30pm Church opens (with exposition)
5.15pm Benediction
5.30pm Mass in St Peter's
Sunday
9.00am Church opens
9.30am Mass in St Joseph's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

# Confessions

Will be available during holy hour, but, where possible, to be celebrated outdoors.

# **This Sunday**

Is the feast of the Holy Family. In the gospel Jesus is now 12 years old and his parents find him in the temple. There is no Vigil Mass on the Saturday evening (Christmas day) but Mass as normal on the Sunday.

## **Benediction this Saturday**

During the Vacation, benediction continues each Saturday at 5.15pm, except for Christmas day.

## The 9.30am Mass

We are getting used to St Joseph's once more. After Christmas we hope to restart the Children's liturgy at this Mass.

## The 11am Sunday Mass

With the college on vacation, this will be a quiet Mass useful for those avoiding crowds.

## **Christmas Holidays**

SMH, the College and St Joseph's are now all on holiday. Pray that the children enjoy Christmas.

# **Cemetery Statue Appeal**

The statue of the Risen Christ has been ordered. Envelopes are available for anyone who would like to contribute to the purchase of this new statue. The total so far is £6,500.45. Well done! We have now reached our target.

# **Red Missio Boxes**

If you have one of these at home, please drop it of at Lucy Harrison's house (2 Avenue Road) or bring it to church with you. We need to send in a cheque before the end of the year.

## **Repository shop**

Is now open and stocked. Items for Christmas remain on the table near the Our Lady Statue.

# Weddings this week

Please pray for Joseph Sutton and Chloe Hector who will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage in our church this week.

## New Year Mass times:

These are provisional and could change if the covid pandemic becomes worse:

# Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec **9.30am** Mass in St Joseph's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

Weekday Masses are as normal: Tue, Wed & Fri at 8.00am Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jan **5.30pm** Mass in St Peter's

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan **9.30am** Mass in St Joseph's **11.00am** Mass in St Peter's

## **Pope Francis on Christmas**

In a recent address Pope Francis stressed that the beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love. "It is not alienating; it is not superficial or escapist. On the contrary, it broadens the heart, opens it to gratuitousness, to the gift of self, and can also generate cultural, social and educational dynamics."

# Let your light shine

