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25/26 DECEMBER 2021

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH-YEAR C

Sunday	26th	9.00 am		Louisa Adu-Poku
		11.00 am		People of the Parish
Monday	27th	9.30 am	St. John, Apostle	Annie & Pat Toner
Tuesday	28th	9.30 am	The Holy Innocents	Catherine & Barney McDaid
Wednesday	29th	9.30 am	St. Thomas Becket	Sabina Yedu-Aggey
Friday	31st	9.00 am	Exposition and Mass	
Second Sun after Nativity Year C				
Saturday	1st	5.00 pm		
Sunday	2nd	9.00 am		
		11.00 am		
Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Mary Hynes, Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway, Jane and Marcianna Caltaux. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Tony McColgan, Anesta, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Father John Miller, Brian Stephenson, Annette Hogan and Danny Webster. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22 Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to God

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 The kindness there should be in a Christian family

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52 The finding of Jesus, after being lost for three days

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The struggles of Parents; Mary and Joseph saw it all

They were 'overcome' when they saw him? I wonder what exactly that word means. Were they crying? Were they annoyed? Were they angry? Mary's response suggests they were exasperated: 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' His reply does nothing to reassure them and settle them down: 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' No surprisingly, 'they did not understand what he meant.' His answer must have seemed odd or even provocative, from a boy of twelve years old. They survived, because there was enough love, acceptance and forgiveness between them, and enough trust in both God and one another. Indeed, the Holy Family can be closer to our lives than we realise. Today we pray for their guidance in our own family life.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and

hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

ATTENDING MASS - Some guidelines

The following is from the Bishop's Conference: with respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches: • That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person. • That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church. • **Face coverings must be worn** by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.

CONFIRMATION 2021/22

Please contact Fr. Clement after Mass or Maria Nabil, confirmation catechist, for an application form. *Candidates should be at least in Year 10, have received their First Holy Communion and be attending Mass at St Paul's Church.* Submit application form by 31 December, 2021

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2022 are now available to buy for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

CHRISTMAS MEAL AT ST. JOSEPH'S -WALTHAM CROSS

The Parish is hosting a Christmas meal for its Senior Citizens and the housebound on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 1.00pm. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who would like to come along, please give names and details to the Parish Office before Wednesday 12th January 2022. If you would like to help on the day with preparing, cooking or serving the meal, please contact Waltham Cross Parish Office or Fr. Clement-Cheshunt Parish.

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/workingwith-us/current-vacancies>.

ST. PAUL'S RC PRIMARY – SCHOOL'S ADMISSION

Parents are reminded that the closing date for application forms for the Reception Class in September 2022 is January 15 2022. This applies to children born between September 1 2017 and August 31 2018. Any parent wishing to look around the school is invited to contact the school office on 01992 635060. Apart from the Hertfordshire Admission Form you will also need a Supplementary Information Form which can be found on the school website at <http://stpauls.herts.dbprimary.com/>
Nursery applications for September 2022 are now open, please download the forms from the school website or collect from the school office. Closing date for Nursery applications is 12 February 2022

ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNORS

There are vacancies at the school for Foundation Governors. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in supporting Catholic education and helping our local school, please get in touch with the Chair of the Governors at St Pauls Catholic School, Park Lane, Cheshunt EN7 6LR or admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk or Father Clement at cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk. This is a rewarding and important voluntary role.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2021/22

Children attending St Pauls School will begin their preparation in January for making their First Holy Communion in the summer of 2022. Application forms have been sent out to the children in Year 3 and to those in Year 4 who opted to not take the Sacrament in 2021. These forms should be completed and brought to the meeting for parents/carers to be held in the church on January 11 at 7.00 pm.

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. Thank you for the personal cards and gift to me. Happy New Year to you all.