



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15 noon (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment.

V	Sun	27 December	THE HOLY FAMILY	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PRO POPULO Norma Brooks RIP Melanio Cuchapin RIP Tom Lally RIP (14th Ann) R. Devi & S. Deva RIP
V	Mon	28 December	THE HOLY INNOCENTS		9.30am	Katie Brennan RIP
V	Tues	29 December	ST. THOMAS BECKETT		9.30am	Debra Barry RIP
V	Wed	30 December	6th DAY OF THE OCTAVE		9.30am	Mrs. Fay Shield RIP
Gd	Thur	31 December	7th DAY OF THE OCTAVE		9.30am	Joan Longuet RIP (3rd Ann)
Gd	Fri	1 January	MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD		12 noon	Jacqueline Waddington RIP
R	Sat	2 January	Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen		9.30am	Catherine Nolan RIP

SALVE REGINA

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
Hail, our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up
our sighs,
Mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious
advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Adriel Godwin, Felicity Turner, Louis Saiz.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: *Kathleen Lusty, Emelien Thomas, Mary Reilly, Anna Catini.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Joan Longuet 3rd Ann), Melanio Cuchapin, Tom Lally (14th Ann), John Mulvihill.*

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope

SANCTUARY LAMP

**THIS WEEK
Sponsored in
memory of
Dee Kelly Loader RIP**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR
OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM is
sponsored for the
Intentions of
Kofi Gbabado.**

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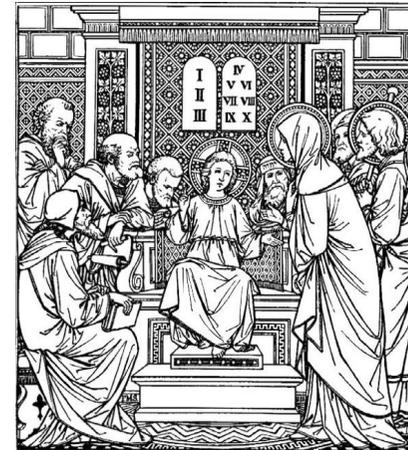
**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 27th December 2015
THE HOLY FAMILY**

Bank
Holiday
Edition

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.



TODAY'S MASS

"Christ in the human family"

God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as a model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which the human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-7, 14-17

.A mother or father shares in God's work of teaching, guiding, and caring for us. We honour our mothers and fathers and guardians by obeying them in all reasonable ways, and by comforting and caring for them when they are in need. Those who honour their parents will be richly rewarded.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21

The letter to the Colossians today offers helpful advice. We should "put on" in compassion and kindness. We must be willing to forgive, no matter how many times a parent or brother or sister offends us, just as the Lord forgives us without limit. Over all other virtues we "put on love." When we allow ourselves to be truly loving, gratitude and joy overflow in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence. When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Lk 2: 16*

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your

health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 127:1-5*

R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. *R/.*

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. *R/.*

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! *R/.*

Second reading: *Colossians 3:12-17*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,

because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Ac 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence

and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Bar 3: 38*

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.