

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Learning What You Live



When the Infant Jesus was presented at the temple, Simeon told Mary and Joseph, "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed... ." Then Joseph and Mary returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him."

Mary and Joseph had a very important job to do. In fact they were given a job that is not so different from any parent's job, to give the growing child a sense of worth, security, wisdom and love.

In a nearby school the famous verses of Dorothy Law Nolte are pinned up in each classroom. The piece entitled 'Children Learn What They Live' begins, "....If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility they learn to fight. If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive." In other words, we teach by our example. If we want our children to be truthful then we ourselves must be honest. If we want our children to learn justice we must ourselves be fair. If we want our children to learn respect we must first of all treat them with kindness and consideration. Whether we are parents, stepparents, grandparents, guardians, aunt or uncles, we must follow the example set by the Holy Family and live the lives we want our children to live.

Bitesize – "It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself. "

~ Joyce Maynard

PARISH PRAYER - Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
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Sunday Masses – Page 105 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Mgr. Austin Hunt
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Laura Juby
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)*

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said); Hymn 144 – In the bleak midwinter ...*

Offertory Hymn 152 – *Unto us is born a Son ...*

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said); Hymn 156 – Joy to the world, the Lord has come! ...*

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

Weekday Mass Times	(Christmastide)	[Psalter Week 1]
Mon. 10.00 am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – Int. Phelim Martin (Cummings)	
Tues. No Mass today	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
Weds. 10.00 am	Christmas Feria – Int. Una O'Dwyer	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Christmas Feria – Int. Peggy Atkinson	
Fri. 10.00 am	Christmas Feria – Int. Ken Summerford (Cummings)	
Sat. 10.30 am	Christmas Feria – Int. Maria Heald	
6.00 pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY – Int. Doris Hipper (Cummings)	

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Anniversaries this week: Harry Dempsey, Helen Phyllis Coyne, Alda Dias, Caroline Rolfe, Ellen (Nell) Raiteri, Robert Clark, Eira Whitehouse, Patricia Gravestock, John Doherty, Rev. Bernard Warwick (Deacon at Dereham), Joseph Sadowsky, Matthew Murphy, Frank Pike and Philip Ward. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII), King’s Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford and Patrick McKenna.

Money Matters – Thank you for the collection for the parish on the 4th Sunday of Advent which amounted to £514.41. Thank you for your Christmas Offering to me which amounted to £1585.41. I deeply appreciate your generosity.

Next weekend (6/7 January), there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan ‘Building Bridges’ in aid of the two twinned Dioceses of Battambang in Cambodia and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 1 st Jan.	Day of Prayer for World Peace
Tues. 2 nd Jan.	Please note there is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group this evening. Meetings resume next week.
Fri. 5 th Jan.	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning. After Mass. All welcome.
Sat. 6 th Jan.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

I would also like to thank you for your many Christmas cards and presents and for all your kind wishes at Christmas. Thanks to all who contributed to making Christmas at Sacred Heart so nice. It is very risky in trying to make a list because there is always the danger of leaving someone out. Here goes. Thanks to: Readers, Altar Servers, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Cleaners, Flowers Arrangers, Coffee, Tea, Mulled Wine makers and suppliers of mince pies, milk, sugar, people who put out chairs and stacked them up again, Collectors, collectors of bulletins and music sheets and Sacristans. That is a long list of contributors to our Christmas celebration but also of the work that goes on here throughout the whole year. Forgive me if I have inadvertently overlooked someone's contribution. By the way, four of our servers received their medals as members of the Guild of St. Stephen on St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26. We are blessed with such good servers at Mass each week.

Retreat - Advance notice: I will be going on retreat between January 15th and 19th.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - January 1st - Today we observe the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a natural theme having just celebrated the birth of her son Jesus. The birth of a child is always a sign of hope ... hope not just for the parents



and immediate family, but also for the whole community. The lives of Mary and Jesus spell a vision of a hope, a vision of justice and peace, a vision of freedom and liberation, a vision of social change and concern for the common good. It spells a vision of God present in the poor child and the holy young woman of Nazareth; a vision of God to be found in all the people and things of our world and especially among the poor.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for January - We are asked to pray for religious minorities in Asia, that Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Letting God into your New Year's Resolutions - "What does God want me to do with my life this year?" There's a company that makes T-shirts with spiritual themes. One of them shows an airplane being flown by a frantic pilot. The shirt says "If God is your co-pilot, switch seats." The message is that when we put God in charge of our goals we will succeed. When you make your new year’s resolutions, think about what areas of your character you know God would be pleased for you to change.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

LET US PRAY: **Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

