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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

30/12/2018 (2 Week Issue)

Dear Parishioners,

To a society laden with child protection concerns, the parent-figures in today's reading might seem poor role models. Once weaned, Hannah brings her young son Samuel to the sanctuary at Shiloh and simply leaves him there. Centuries later, Mary and Joseph lose their twelve-year -old in Jerusalem, taking three days to find him in another sanctuary.

And, yet, surrounding these young lives were stories of extraordinary faithfulness. Hannah had yearned dearly for that boy to be born, promising to make return to the Lord, one day, for the great kindness he had shown her. Mary had answered a divine calling in bearing her son and, as the Advent preface put it, 'longed for him with love beyond all telling'.

Welcomed in joy and thanksgiving, both children are dedicated to God's service from their earliest years. Hannah's desire for Samuel is to 'make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life' and, in time, he will hear that Lord call his name in the deep of the night. Jesus, in turn, is able to voice his awareness-at a still young age-of how he 'must be busy with my Father's affairs.' He returns, nonetheless, to grow in wisdom in a Nazareth homestead, under the guidance of a mother who treasures 'these things in her heart'.

These scripture surely portray the kind of love that would be precious in any young life. A love which is careful to nurture and sustain, while allowing the space and the freedom to grow. A love which is anxious to secure and to protect, but never willing to restrict or contain. A love which is faith-filled enough to see a child as a gift from the Lord and selfless enough to encourage the child's growth in the Lord's ways.

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Families struggling to offer such love, however imperfectly, are what our children need most in a complex and often uncertain world. We remember these families with gratitude today

Have a Blessed Family Day

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

The next Parish Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 14th January 7p.m. in the church

Change of Parish Mass times for weekdays. : As of the 1st of January 2019 the 7 a.m. Mass will cease. The 9:15a.m. Mass, Monday to Friday will continue. An evening Mass at 6p.m. will commence Monday 7th January in the new year for Mondays to Fridays.

Red Boxes: Please return all Red (Missio) Boxes. The good lady who looks after the collection must have the boxes returned for the end of year accounts. Please do not forget to write your name and address and details in the label under the red box. Thank you for your generosity

Diocesan Vision: 2 weeks ago we saw the publication of the latest Vision document for future of the diocese. Copies are available in the church porch, one per family. The document is also available on-line and also for people who have access for read aloud functions. A video message from Bishop Alan is also on the diocesan website. The latest appears to be that the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick's Parish , Blackhorse Road, St Joseph's Parish , Leyton and this parish of Our Lady and St George have been partnered together. In the coming year the priests of those 3 parishes and their respective Stewards of the Gospel will meet for a number of times. Please pray for the deliberations.

Masses at Whipps Cross Hospital will commence on Monday 21st January 2019.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to assist with the Christmas ceremonies the greeters, flower arrangers, altar servers, proclaimers of the Word, extra ordinary lay ministers of the Eucharisty, church cleaners, musicians and the choirs, those who brought and returned the chairs and rota the organizers, Mass sheet printer and news letter printer.

Annual Pilgrim Dinner Thank you to all those who travelled to Goa, India, on pilgrimage in November. We were truly blessed every step of the way and had an amazing time. Thank you to all of you. The annual pilgrim dinner will be held on Friday 25th January 2019 @7.30pm at Filika Restaurant, 62 High Street, Wanstead E11 2RJ. This will combine pilgrims from San Giovanni group and India. Please confirm asap, if you can attend. 02085273879 Regards Stella.

Congratulations and thanks you to all altar servers for such a high turn out on St. Stephen's Day.

Congratulations and Blessings to Gabriel and Stella on their Wedding Anniversary.

Happy Birthday to Mary.

Fr. Nixon and F. Niall wish to thank you everybody for their Christmas offerings, gifts and cards.

Fr. Niall will be on holiday from Tuesday 1st of January to Friday 4th.

Fr. Nixon will be on holiday from 14th Monday January to Friday 18th.

ROTAS

Counting Rota	30/12B	06/01F	13/01B	20/01B	27/01F	03/02B
Hospital Rota	30/12A	06/01B	13/01D	20/01A	27/01B	03/02D



Joke of the Week: : I saw a man acting suspiciously next to mount Everest. I said ' what have you been up to top.?'
He said 'about 8,000 feet'.
(Attributed to Tim Vine)



**Wishing all parishioners and your families
Peace and Joy and many Blessings for 2019
Fr. Niall , Fr. Nixon , Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph**

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Tommy Brennan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 30 December	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
08:30am	Kath Staunton and Family (Intentions)
10:00am	Bridie O'Donnell (Rest in Peace) (Mary Gilligan)
12:00noon	Parishioners
Mon 31 December	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:00am	Mary Heagney and Family (Intentions)
Mightnight Mass	Choi-Yee Kwan and Shun-Chai Kwan(Rest in Peace) (Ping Kwan)
Tue 01 January	THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10:00am	Mary Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 p.m.	Syro-Malabar New Year Mass
Wed 02 January	SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS
10:00am	Christine Walton, Tim Campbell, Elaine Francis (Rest in Peace)(Kristina)
Thu 03 January	Christmas Weekday-THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
10:00am	Eamon, Rita and Family (Intentions)
Fri 04 January	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
10:00am	Barry White and Bessy Evans (Rest in Peace) (James Fletcher)
Sat 05 January	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
10:00am	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
06:00pm	Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace) (Pat Moss)
Sun 06 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
08:30am	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
10:00am	Richard Mackey (Rest in Peace) (Mckenna)
12:00noon	Parishioners
Mon 07 Januaray	FERIA
09:15 p.m.	Nicholas Ellul (Rest in Peace) (E. Dellapina)
06:00 pm	Mick Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace)
TUE 08 January	FERIA
09:15am	Guy Trichot (Rest in Peace) (Teodora Bartolo)
06:00 pm	John O'Donnell (Rest in Peace)
Wed 09 January	FERIA
10:00am	Guy Trichot (Rest in Peace) (Teodora Bartolo)
06:00 pm	For the Homeless, Sick and Suffering
Thursday 10 January	FERIA
10:00am	Oliver Ellul (Rest in Peace) (E. Dellapina)
06:00 pm	Theresa Kalpee (Intentions) (betty)
Friday 11 January	FERIA
10:00 am	Gianina Dellapina (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
06:00 pm	Krishna And Tessie Kalpee (Intentions)
Saturday 12 January	FERIA
10:00am	Mary Cassidy (Intentions)
06:00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest in Peace) (Family)