

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Reading Cycle B
Psalter Week 1
Sunday 27TH DECEMBER 2020
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MASSES

COVID 19 AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS IS SO THAT WORSHIPPERS, CLEANING STAFF, CANON MIKE AND VISITORS ARE NOT PUT AT RISK.

CHURCHES IN PENARTH, BARRY, NEWPORT AND FURTHER AFIELD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE HAVE ALSO TAKEN THIS DECISION.

THREE PRIESTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE ARE IN HOSPITAL WITH COVID 19.

**NEWSLETTERS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE
AS WILL BE THE MASS READINGS FOR THE DAY.**

**THE DECISION TO CLOSE WAS NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY.
CANON MIKE WILL REMEMBER US ALL IN HIS PRAYERS.**

SUNDAY	27TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	10.00am	Fr Jack Fahy
MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY				
MONDAY	28TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS		
TUESDAY	29TH DEC	FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS		King Family
WEDNESDAY	30TH DEC	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS		
THURSDAY	31ST DEC	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS		
FRIDAY	1ST JAN	MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY		People of the Parish
SATURDAY	2ND JAN	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY		Ted Spillane Anniversary
SUNDAY	3RD JAN			Tina and Leon Figueri Golden Wedding Anniversary

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we pray that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the Repose of the souls of Ivor Taylor, Janet Underwood and Domenico Malacrinno who died recently. May they rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for Patrick Middleton, Vivian Taylor, Richard Mulhall, Terese Ramos, William Woodman, Charles Donaldson, Fr John Fahy, Julia Bossano, John Smith, Sheila Harding, Mary Carroll, Ivy Davies, Margaret Stevens, Michael O'Brien, Albert Petrelli, Ann Salter, Peter Levy, Dorothy Brahim, Angela Reilly, Brenda Wilson, Kenneth Stevens, Aneurin Ward, Bert Payne, Kenneth Collins, Pauline Flowers, Ted Spillane, Eileen Forrester, Alice Northcote, Genette Hughes, Patricia Price and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

CANDLES You will have an opportunity to buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5. **This week's candles will be lit for Shirley and Baby Cheryl Burnett.**

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside of the envelope.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Tina and Leon Figueri who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them every Grace and Blessing and many more years of Happy Marriage.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021: The new diary for 2021 is now open. Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

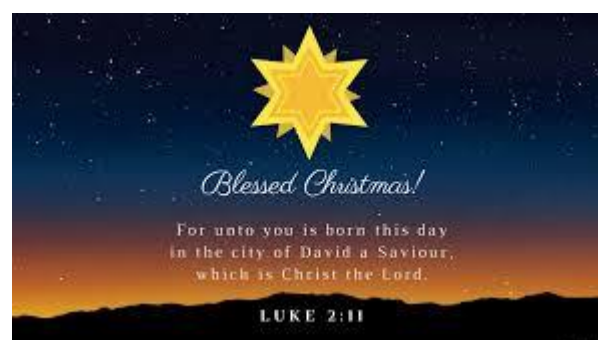
<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS May I thank you in anticipation for your Christmas Offerings, you've always been generous and I know it will be the same this Christmas. I just hope Santa will stop here as I've had the chimney swept, bought mince pies and milk for him and carrots for Rudolph. Ho! Ho

THANK YOU Like any organisation every parish has its volunteers, the "Back room Workers" You might not see them but they are unsung heroes. During these last months, week in week out carrying on where others "fear to tread" they have cleaned, sanitised and made the Church as safe as it can be. I'm afraid to start naming them in fear of leaving any one out. This Parish cannot function without you. There are some of you who are capable of helping out, but afraid to volunteer, please come forward as "many hands make light work!" And to those who have, a sincere Thank-You.



MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This Sunday we enter into the fourth week of Advent leading to the Feast of Christmas on Friday December 25th. What a journey it's been for us, and for Mary and Joseph ! Both journeys have been arduous, full of twists and turns, exhausting and sometimes fearful. Since the start of 2020 we've been looking over our shoulders afraid that Coronavirus would catch us up and destroy us in body and soul. Stoically we plodded on knowing that at some stage of the journey we would find a cure for the disease. After much searching, thank God, we have found a cure, the end of the punishing journey is in sight.

Mary and Joseph had their gruelling journey. Most of the time it was demanding and challenging as they set out to Bethlehem. After many set-backs they arrived, afraid, not of Coronavirus, but of Herod. Many people of our time have lost their lives to the infection and two thousand years ago through the jealousy and resentfulness of Herod, the life of Jesus was at stake. The journey was physically demanding: treacherous tracks, fearful robbers, all in the heat of the mid-day Sun. Thank God they did not give up, but arrived at their destination, Bethlehem, then found they were without shelter. Great emphasis is placed upon Jesus and Mary, but the 'Quiet Man' Joseph, the dependable one was at the front guiding, encouraging, supporting, always being positive when all around were finding it hard to continue.

Our journey has brought us to the Crib, for today all roads lead to Bethlehem. Joseph, with the pregnant Mary, heard the encouraging words of the Angel and now the world rejoices at the Birth of the Saviour.

Humanity gives thanks for the gift of the Vaccine as we give thanks, honour and praise for Jesus.

So this Christmas let us with gratitude and deep appreciation continue our journey as did Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

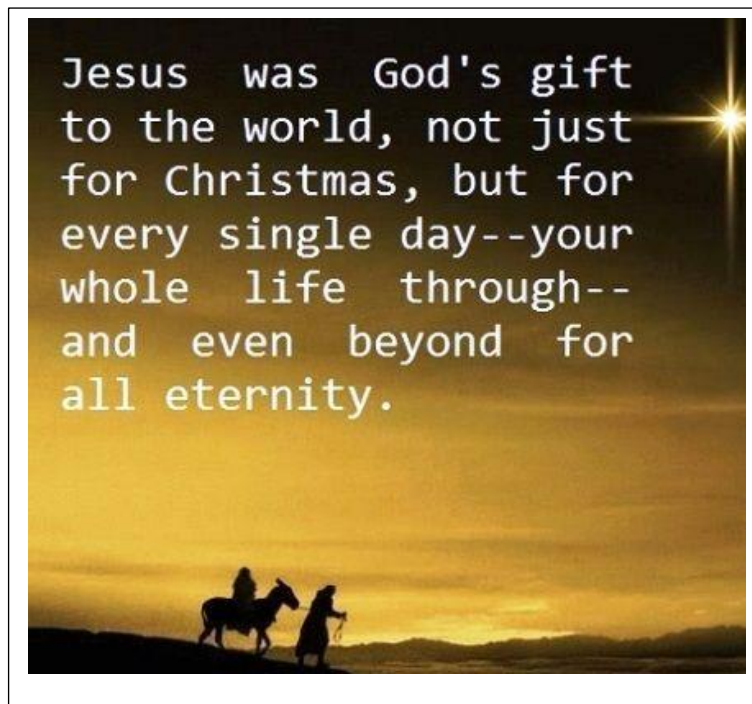
These gifts are to be shared with all of God's Children, they are both life-enhancing for the whole world.

They say "All Roads lead to Rome" but for us friends and family "All Roads lead to Bethlehem" As we Journey Towards the Stable, the "House of Welcome" we find a place of refuge, of welcome and of security, It's Home.

As I take stock of the past year, I find I have taken many a wrong road, a road that has taken me away from the "Straight Highway of the Lord" I must ask not only the forgiveness of Him but of you my fellow pilgrims, my fellow companions. There have been times when I've not been the most genial travelling-companion but that part of the Journey is in the past. What is of importance is that is that we encounter the Great Gift of the Holy Family full of understanding and sensitivity and share it with each other. I'm proud to be a fellow traveller and with God's help will Journey with you into the New Year. Let St. Patrick's be a Parish alive with the word of the Angels

"Glory to God & Peace to People of Good will" God is with us, let us rejoice, Emmanuel...

Your Friend and Priest, Michael Patrick!

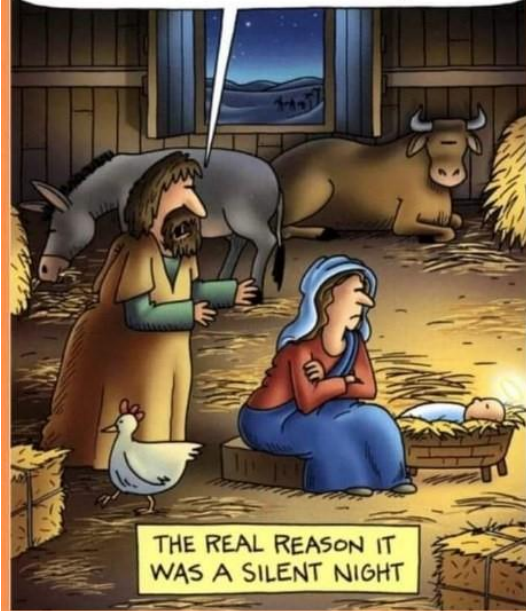


What else could possibly go wrong this year?



Christmas 🌲 2020

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY I'M SORRY?! I FORGOT TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT THE INN, OKAY?



THE REAL REASON IT WAS A SILENT NIGHT

Remember if anyone there asks... We're all from one household!



Boy what a night! A Birth, Angels, Wise Men, and now, to top it all: A Drummer Boy!