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Christ in the human family.

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

Readings *Sundays Year B ~ Weekdays of Advent ~ Psalms Week 4*
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
31st December 2017

Entrance Antiphon	<i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph an the Infant lying in a manger.</i>	
First Reading	<i>Your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.</i>	<i>Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>He the Lord, is pour God, He remembers his covenant forever.</i>	Psalm 104
Second Reading	<i>The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>The child grew, filled with wisdom.</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	30th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	31st December		10.30am	Jim Sheen R.I.P.
Monday	1st January	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	9:15 am	Vocations
Tuesday	2nd January	<i>SS basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>		No Mass
Wednesday	3rd January	Christmas Feria	7:00pm	Alain Bousquet
Thursday	4th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am	Max St.Pierre
Friday	5th January	Christmas Feria	9:15am	Mass in School
Saturday	6th January	Christmas Feria	10.00am	Marguerite & Kebt Wayling
Saturday	6th January		6.00pm	Mr & Mrs Rosauero Hermoso
Sunday	7th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	10.30am	Parishioners

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.
 The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room
 Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Therese Anne Finnie, Fr. Michael Hood, John Wright, Sery Mao, Anne Stanway, Christina Thomas, Geoffrey Croasdale, Katie Hawketts, Juana Pagaoa, Peter Brown, Michael Coster, Marlene Coster, Regina Mukontiene, Peter Derricourt, Mark Taylor, Eila Barnett, Teresa Barron, Michele Bendall, Anthony Potter, Sybil Chamberlin, Joan De Manby, Veronika Cook, Alice King, Robert Pitts, Oliver Rogers, Ella-Grace Honeyman, Darren Platts, Vivienne Mallet, Claire Edmeades, Richard O'Brien, Jose Monzon, Nancy Daley, Marguerite Ross, Ken Jenkin, Darren Grey, Susan Redford, Penny Bartlett, Banny Kibblewhite, Lory Brooks, Helen Freeston, Ann Bethany and Antoni Gadzicki.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Paul Slee-Smith, Monica Bozza, Jim Sheen, Frederick Cook, Maureen Stephenson, Henry Simpson, David Tosh, Anna Kinlaw, Richard Donnelly, Ted Fahy, Delia Halesworth, Sidney Hastings, Austin Bates, Agnes Radovan, Donald Skipper, Stanley Jones, Patricia Trappes-Lomax, Angela Gibbs and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours,
and let every New Year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

Vocations: Monday January 1st will be our monthly day of prayer for vocations. Mass will be for that intention at 09.15, followed by Exposition, ending with simple Benediction at 10.30.

CHURCH CLEANING - Could I please have three more volunteers to do Church cleaning. If you are able to help please let me know within the next few days so that I prepare the new rota. Thank you, Dorothy Rose - tel. No. 01603 746943.

Epiphany Candlelight Mass – Saturday 6th January, 5pm. – For all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring wrapped presents indicating whether suitable for a boy or a girl, and approximate age). Held at The White House, 21 Upgate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

Diocesan Year Book (which includes the 2018 liturgical calendar) now on sale in the porch, £3.

Tea/Coffee Rotas for Saturday evenings (monthly) and Sunday mornings (weekly) are on the board in the porch. Please sign up to help on any date/s you can. Thank you.

The Marriage Tribunal is available to try to help people who may need to “regularise” or simply talk through their marital situations, following a marriage breakdown or divorce. The Tribunal can be contacted, in confidence, direct by telephone 01508 495168, bt email to tribunal@rcdea.org.uk or through the website at www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-tribunal/.

Collections: 23rd /24th December £ 870.00
Many thanks

Thank You for the very generous Christmas offering and for the many gifts and cards. They are all much appreciated. Fr David.

DOROTHY & BILL DIMELow would like to thank every one for all the visits, presents, cards & good wishes we received over Christmas - they are all very much appreciated.

We have received £87.61 for the recycled newspapers/magazines. The money will be donated to West One Hairdressers for their Defibrillator for Costessey fund. Thank you

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

'If anyone is interested in supporting prisoners or ex-offenders through prayer, fundraising or volunteering in various ways please contact Ursula at the prison chaplaincy for further information: Ursula.edwards@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk '.

All items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly “for newsletter” along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm.

*Tomorrow is the first
blank page of a 365-page
book. Write a good one.
Brad Paisley*

Happy New Year

