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## Christ in the human family.

*God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model or 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.*

Sundays Year B ~ Christmas Season ~ Psalms Week

## Holy Family

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</i>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<i>Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.</i>	<i>Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>O blessed are those who fear the Lord. and walk in his ways!</i>	<i>Psalm 127</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>Family life in the Lord.</i>	<i>Colossians 3:12-21</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>My eyes have seen your salvation.</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-</i>

<b>Saturday</b>			<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Beatrice Robinson R.I.P.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Percy &amp; Flora Harvey R.I.P.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Ss Basil &amp; Gregory</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>James Grant R.I.P.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Vocations</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service – Rosemary Percy</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Max St. Pierre R.I.P.</b>
			<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>

Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed fifteen minutes before weekday Masses.  
 Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30p

**Sick and Housebound** – Please pray for Stephen Agius, Andrew Thurlow, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClusky, Gerry Watt, Leo Tolosa, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Vivienne Anne Mallett and Marcia Jenkin.

**Faithful Departed** – Please pray Maureen Stephenson, Gerard Potter, Henry Simpson, David Tosh, Anna Kinlan, Richard Donnelly, Ted Fahy, Delia Halesworth, Sidney Hastings, Austin Bates, Agnes Radovan, Delphine Franklin, Donald Skipper, Stanley Jones, Angela Kotlarz and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

*“The light which comes from the holy Family, encourage us to offer human warmth to other families.”*

*Pope Francis*

**Thank You:** for the many cards, gifts and very generous Christmas offering. As ever, much appreciated. Fr David.

**Baptism Class:** The next class for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 3.30-4.30pm, in the Presbytery (behind the church). Further details from Fr David

**Dates for 2024:** Just a few celebrations to be aware of and to note in your new diaries. Confirmation Mass, Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm. Bishop Peter will be coming early on that day to meet with the Finance Committee at 4pm and the PPC at 5pm in the Garden Room. First Holy Communion Masses: 10.30am on Sundays June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Bishop's Parish Visitation: November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a Caritas Festival on the Saturday afternoon, both Sunday Masses, and a school visit on the Monday morning.

**The next cake stall is on Sunday**, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the Garden Room after Mass.

**The last cake stall** raised £65.50p. Many thanks for your support. Charity for this year is Shelterbox.

*Lord Jesus Christ, who,  
being made subject to  
Mary and Joseph, didst  
consecrate domestic life by  
Thine ineffable virtues;  
grant that we, with the  
assistance of both, may be  
taught by the example of  
Thy holy Family and may  
attain to its everlasting  
fellowship. Who livest and  
reignest, world without  
end.  
Amen.*

<b>Collection</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>£ 583.40</b>
	<b>Christmas Offerings</b>	<b>£1339.36</b>
		<b>Many Thanks</b>

**THANKS from Bill:** to everyone for all the cards, presents & best wishes that I received – they are all very much appreciated. I hope that you all had a safe, enjoyable Christmas & send you every good wish for 2024.

**Community Chaplaincy Norwich (CCN)** is running another training course for potential Volunteer Mentors, to join their team and support people leaving prison to resettlement after custody. The eight-week course runs on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm from January 23 to March 12 2024. CCN welcomes enquiries from people aged 25+, from a broad range of backgrounds, including those with lived experience of the Criminal Justice system who have been out of prison for 2 years or more. Potential volunteers might expect to make a commitment of 2 hours per week. Read more about volunteering and download an application form at <https://norfolkchaplaincy.org.uk/volunteering/> or pop in to see them at St Stephen's Church, Norwich.

**Youth Group:** The next meeting will be held in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>. This one will be a games night, so please bring one or two of your favourite games – and a few friends! Refreshments will be provided. The group is open to all teenagers, give or take a couple of years.

**Confirmations:** Please pray for the three candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish: Kenzie, Melissa and Ryan. Bishop Peter will be visiting us for the Confirmation Mass on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 7.00pm.

*Holy Family of  
Nazareth, protect our  
families, keep us  
united in love and  
lead us to eternal joy!*

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](mailto: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