

# Holy Family News

## THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Today's Gospel relates for us the story of Our Lady's visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth. She has accepted the message from the Angel Gabriel that she will be the mother of Jesus, and has rushed off to help her elderly relative who, against all worldly odds, has also found herself expecting a child. The words exchanged at this meeting clarify for us the significance of what is happening - the great task which Mary has been chosen to undertake and the symbolic meeting of the unborn Jesus with John the Baptist who will announce his coming - and Mary's "Magnificat" sums up not only her own joy at God's choice of her, but also every choice and preference of God. It is a prayer for us, today, as we seek justice for the poor and the needy, and wonder at the apparent prosperity of those who care for none but themselves. With Mary, our souls too can "proclaim the greatness of our God," and marvel at the love he has shown in sending his Son to die for us.

Mary's task was great and glorious, and of all women - indeed of all people - only she was found worthy to bring Christ into the world. Therefore, from ages past in the Church, Christians have been unable to accept that the one who alone became the perfect temple of God's presence on earth, would then suffer bodily decay. Faith tells us that God's will is for all of us to rise into the joy of his presence on the last day - a resurrection not as some vague, disembodied spirit, but with a real, glorified body like that of the risen Christ himself. The ancient belief for Mary was simply that she achieved this fullness of the life to come from the very moment of her earthly death. And so in 1950, this was finally declared as an article of our Faith.

The dogmatic definition of the Assumption expresses the hope



"that faith in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven may make our faith in the resurrection both stronger and more active." Let us pray that today's great feast might indeed deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ, and our faith in the fulfilment of all of God's promises.

### **BAPTISMS TODAY**

We welcome today (Sunday) Lynden and Kayli who will be baptised during Mass. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

### **SVP**

The SVP group meets on **Thursday this week** after the 7.00pm Mass. As was reported recently, we **desperately** need new members if this invaluable service to the community is to continue in our parish. Please consider if God may be calling you to serve the poor in this way, and in his name.

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH**

... continues weekly for the time being, on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm in the Presbytery.

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

*Training will continue for any new Servers after Sunday Mass. The only requirement is that children must have completed the Sacramental Programme, and must show a commitment to attend Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening if preferred).*

- \* *New to Holy Family parish?*
- \* *Know someone who is sick or in hospital (or the hospice)?*
- \* *Like a visit from the priest?*
- \* *Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?*

Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time.

## Mass times at Holy Family

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 6.30pm  
**Sunday Morning:** 10.00am  
with **Children's Liturgy**  
(Tea and Coffee served after morning Mass)  
**Weekdays:** See Calendar, below  
**Holydays:** Eve 7.00pm  
9.30am on the day

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday** after Midday Mass, and 6.00-6.15pm,  
or at any reasonable time on request.

(Rite II Reconciliation Services are celebrated in Advent and Lent)

## Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

by arrangement (6 months' notice required for weddings)

## Weekday Calendar

**Monday** - No service today

**Tuesday - Mass:** 9.30am, Sacristy

Church cleaning afterwards - **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

**Wednesday - Mass:** 9.30am, Sacristy (later time for the holidays)

Journey in Faith: 6.00pm, Presbytery (looking at the new Mass translation)

**Thursday - Mass:** 7.00pm, Sacristy

SVP: Important meeting after Mass (approx 7.30-8.15pm)

New members urgently needed - see separate entry

**Friday - Mass:** 12.30pm, Sacristy

**Saturday - Mass:** 12.30pm, Sacristy

Ninth in a series of articles from the Liturgy Office:

## The New Translation – The Gloria and the Creed

We will also notice some changes in the Gloria and the Creed. In fact, there is not a great deal of change in the new words that we will pray so we will have to be careful that we don't slip into the old texts! The first lines of the Gloria itself echo the angels' message to the shepherds, announcing the birth of Christ (Luke 2:14). Because of these changes, new music is being written so that we will be able to sing the new translation, too. When it comes to the Creed we will notice the first change immediately - 'I believe', not, 'We believe'. We have become used to praying the Creed all together as a parish. The trouble is, when we say 'we believe' it could suggest that between us all we believe everything being said. It is not clear that we all believe everything that is being said. To say 'I believe' makes it quite clear that each one of us believes everything we are saying.

## FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported the "Betterware" fundraiser, which raised £18.20 for parish funds. Thank you again to Andrew for organising this - I trust everyone has now received their goods.

## WE PRAY THIS WEEK

... for the following, for whom Masses will be offered - **the sick:** Billy, Eileen, Olga, Edith, Kathleen, Christine (this week's flowers), Teresa, Nanny, Giovanni, Bill, John, Julie, Peggy, Anne-Marie, John, Denis, Marjorie, Denis, Margaret, Kathleen, Marie, Jane, Christine, Ernest, Kay, Sister, Sister, Kathleen, Margaret, Mary and Bridie, Helene and Ann Marie, -

and **those who have died:** Ethan Swallow, Lizzie McIlvenna, David Frain, Edith Hamill, Mary Keating, Clarisse Wrigley, Marie-Terese Anastasi and all the Holy Souls. **We also pray** for a number of Special Intentions.

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**OFFERTORY** Thank you for last week's collection of £213.61 plus £140.00 (400 Club). (Previous week, not published as there was no newsletter: £194.63. Thank you)

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

No retiring collection this week or next

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## MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

throughout the holiday season and always