

# Holy Family News

## GOD IS WITH US!

Our Advent wait is finally over. Just as the shops leave Christmas behind and prepare for the sales, we finally catch up with where they have been for the last several weeks, and begin our proper celebration of the birth of Our Lord. I hope you will find it has been worth the wait. The time of preparation helps us focus on the true meaning of the festival, and to realise something of the enormity of what has happened. Our God lowered himself from the heights of Heaven to be born in poverty amongst us, born in a humble crib. And even today, in hearts ready to receive him, he will become incarnate again - fulfilling his promise in Matthew's Gospel to be with us "even to the end of time", and bringing hope and meaning to our hectic lives. **May he be born in your heart today.**

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### THANK YOU

... to all those who have contributed in any way to the preparation of our Christmas celebrations here at Holy Family this year. We have attempted to mention those from Saturday evening in the service booklet, though inevitably some will have been missed out - not to mention all those helping out at Mass on Christmas morning. Whether you are mentioned by name or not, your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated!

### christmas & new year at holy family

Saturday 24th December, Christmas Eve  
**Vigil of Readings and Carols - 7.00pm**

*followed immediately by*

#### **First Mass of Christmas**

*Mulled Wine & Mince Pies etc will be served after Mass. Do, please, stay a while*

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day

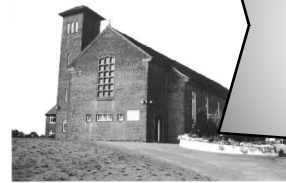
**Morning Mass 10.00am**

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Saturday 31st December, New Year's Eve  
Mass at 6.30pm as usual

Sunday 1st January, New Year's Day

**Morning Mass 10.00am**



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### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2011/12**

Dates for 2012 are as follows:

*(Please let Fr Martin or Denise know if you expect to have any problems getting here)*

#### **Wednesday 18th January**

"We are people who celebrate God's Word" 6.30pm-7.30pm

#### **Sunday 22nd January**

Mass: 10.00am

#### **Sunday 12th February**

Special Family Mass: 10.00am

#### **Wednesday 29th February**

"We are people who follow Jesus" 6.30pm

#### **Sunday 4th March**

Mass: 10.00am

#### **Wednesday 28th March**

Lenten Reconciliation Service: 7.00pm with the people of the Parish  
*(subject to availability of other clergy)*

#### **Sunday 1st April,**

Special Mass for Palm Sunday  
10.00am

#### **Wednesday 2nd May**

"We are the Body of Christ" 6.30pm

#### **Wednesday 9th May**

Confirmation Service: 7.00pm

#### **Sunday 13th May**

Mass for the newly Confirmed:  
10.00am

#### **Wed 30th May**

Preparing for First Communion:  
6.30pm

#### **Sundays 10th & 17th June**

3.00pm

First Communion Masses

#### **Wednesday 11th July**

"We are people who live our Faith"  
+ Children's Party: 6.30pm

#### **Sunday 15th July**

Mass with presentation of certificates: 10.00am

- \* *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.

