

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
PSALTER WEEK 1
Reading Cycle C
Sunday 30th DECEMBER 2018**



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	29th DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	6.30pm	Mary Wedlake +
SUNDAY	30th DECEMBER		10am	Ben Foday +

CHRISTMAS TIDE

MONDAY	31st DECEMBER	7th DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	10am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	1st JANUARY	SOLEMNITY: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	11am	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	2nd JANUARY	Sts: BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	10am	Priest's Intentions
THURSDAY	3rd JANUARY	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	9am	Ruby Watts
FRIDAY	4th JANUARY	WEEKDAY BEFORE THE EPIPHANY	10am	Sick of the Parish

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	5th JANUARY	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Emilio Forte + & Janet Smith
SUNDAY	6th JANUARY		10am	Lu Mooney +

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

Your charitable prayers are asked for the sick of the Parish: Antonio Lia, Maria Pia, M. Burns, Tony Murray, Chiara Mallimaci, Joan Cowley, Adelaide Almeida, Fiona Burge, Guiseppa Zangari, Josephine Moule, Maureen Bowden, Theresa Commander, Jane Lewis, Fran Johnson, Pauline Lukaweckyi, Philip Brocklebank, Ann Murphy, Janet Gallaccio, Patrick Cowley, Maureen Young, Pat Mooney, WMM and WAB. To all our parishioners who are indisposed, you are sorely missed.

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Nathalie Clarke (nee Canning), Joe O'Reilly, Terri Roblin and Levi Nash who have died recently. May they Rest in Eternal Peace +

We pray for Margaret Stevens whose anniversary occurs at this time

Here we are again on the threshold of a New Year, but still within the Season of Christmas. Some of you have taken down your decorations and packed them away until Christmas 2019. If that is the case unpack them until we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men, 12th Night, then store them away.

For some this past year brought sorrow and despondency, a time of hopelessness, but for others a Year of elation and joy but that year is now coming to its end and we place our hand in the hand of the Lord who will enlighten the path on which all of us must tread. But we do not go alone; we journey as a family all encouraging one another.

Like you I am a Pilgrim, a fellow traveller and I walk with you not knowing what lies ahead but I know we've not been abandoned, because the Lord has said *"I Am the Light of the World, for I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."*

Let's take the First Step into the New Year. Happy New Year!...Michael Patrick, your Friend and Priest

The Christmas Masses were for many and for myself a time of deep spiritual inspiration. For me it was encounter, Michael becoming a participant in the Christmas story, also having the Blessing of the Stable, a new born child being held by his parents and allowed to lay in the Manger, Hudson Udry. A great Blessing for all!

My deep appreciation to all who made this Christmas special. The back room staff who cleaned and prepared the Church, the 'flower fairies' along with the Altar Servers and musicians. And 'Thank-You' for your attendance, you accepted the invitation "Come All Ye Faithful, come to the stable". Finally I wish to thank you for your cards, gifts and Christmas Offerings which you gave during the Christmas Services. All the money will go towards the new caravan at Treco Bay. Hi Ho!

January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but an invitation to you all to start the year meeting around the "Family Table" to celebrate the start of a New Year with the Feast of Mary Our Mother, Mother of the Church. This day will seek God's Blessing on the Parish and all families and friends alive or dead.

MASS BOOK 2018/2019 This is now open if you would like to have a Mass said for a deceased family member, a special intention or even in Thanksgiving. Parishioners requesting a 'Mass Intention', please use appropriate envelopes which are at the back of the Church and pass to Canon Michael, Patti Johnson or Julia Feal. If these date(s) are not available the 'Mass Intention' will be moved

to the next free date. However, Funerals will always take priority and therefore any 'Mass Intentions' on these days will be subject to change and be moved to the next available date.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS If you have booked a wedding date from January 2019 onwards please would you contact Canon Mike Evans so that details can be confirmed.

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

PIETY STALL The Christmas sale of goods on the stall continues. Come and have a look!

EVENTS For all other Parish and Archdiocese events please see notice boards.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE? Find out all about New Year Blessings

READERS CHRISTMASTIDE

SATURDAY 5th JANUARY	1st READING	K. Lewis
	2nd READING	M. DeSanti
	BIDDING PRAYERS	P. Mackie
SUNDAY 6th JANUARY	1st READING	B. Potter
	2nd READING	P. Barrie
	BIDDING PRAYERS	K. Johnson

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA Friday 4th January ~
Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround- B. Seignott Brass Cleaning: P. McCarthy
Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

HIS UNFAILING PRESENCE

Another year I enter Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper, I know I shall be blest;
“My presence shall go with thee, And I will give thee rest.”

What will the New Year bring me? I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture, Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper; I surely shall be blest;
“My presence shall go with thee, And I will give thee rest.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Your *Merry Christmas* may depend on what others do for you. But your *Happy New Year* depends on what you do for others.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: December 22nd & 23rd ~ £651.27

~ The Different Qualities of Men and Women: Women are honest, loyal, forgiving. They are smart, knowing that knowledge is power. But they still know how to use their softer side to make a point. Women want to do the best for their family, their friends and themselves. Their heart breaks when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. A woman can make a romantic evening unforgettable. Women can drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show you how much they care about you. Women do more than just birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideal. They give moral support to their family and friends. All they want back is a hug and a smile. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin.

~ 2 dog owners were talking in the park. “I’m fed up with my dog – he’ll chase anyone on a bike.” “What are you going to do, have him put down?” asked the other “ No, I think I’ll just take his bike away.”