

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, YEAR B, 30TH & 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

<b>MASSES &amp; OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
Saturday 30th December <b>SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b> Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am The Rumney Family (GR) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Hilda Valentine (TM)
Sunday 31st December <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 1st January <b>MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 11.00am Gerard Armstrong (V&AS)
Tuesday 2nd January <b>SS BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Sheila Mooney (PS)
Wednesday 3rd January <b>THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Ron Lippe (The Parish)
Thursday 4th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Geraldine (Tina) Coleman (PS)
Friday 5th January	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Peggy Lazzari & Mary Graham (MME)
Saturday 6th January Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Audrey Beckwith (LL) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 7th January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Enzo Dimascio (MA)
<p><b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift &amp; Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Martha Goulbourn, Irene Miller, Pat Tinker, Kitty Smith &amp; Tony Brown. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>	

**G**lory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our  
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible  
and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten  
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,  
**(At these words, all bow)**  
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on  
the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

**North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington:** Contact The Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476

**RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at English Martyrs, Newcastle on 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

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**READINGS AT MASS**  
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**First Reading**

**Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 104(105):1-6,8-9**

**We say the psalm together**

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| 1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,<br>make known his deeds among the peoples.<br>O sing to him, sing his praise;<br>tell all his wonderful works! | 2. Be proud of his holy name,<br>let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.<br>Consider the Lord and his strength;<br>constantly seek his face.        |
| 3. Remember the wonders he has done,<br>his miracles, the judgements he spoke.<br>O children of Abraham, his servant,<br>O sons of the Jacob he chose.    | 4. He remembers his covenant for ever,<br>his promise for a thousand generations,<br>the covenant he made with Abraham,<br>the oath he swore to Isaac. |

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: *It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on.* He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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!

**Gospel**

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**