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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year A) 29th December 2019

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Please see amended Weekly Mass Times during Christmas Season

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Mass

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Will resume on Thursday 9th Jan 2020 at 11am

Saints Days

Tue 3rd – St Sylvester I

Wed 1st – Solemnity of the Mother of God

Thu 2nd – Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Confirmation 2019/2020

– Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish Office by 10th January 2020. See requirements on the form. Class commencement date to be announced.

Sunday Reflection – “We don’t hear much about Joseph in the Gospels. But what we do know is that without him Mary may not have survived her pregnancy; the punishment for an unmarried mother being death by stoning. We hear from the Gospel of Matthew today how Joseph was completely obedient to God’s word. God speaks to him in a dream and immediately Joseph responds: ‘he got up’. We might look back at our lives today and notice where God was, where he spoke to us in the day to day busyness of life, in a quiet moment as we made an important decision or in the people he sent to guide and mentor us. How did we respond to this? For Joseph it meant moving his family from one country to another, into exile and back again. He must have been scared not knowing what a move back to a place that wanted to destroy his family would bring. He made huge sacrifices in selfless obedience to God’s word. Today we pray for families torn apart by unemployment, immigration, fear, addiction and conflict of all kinds. *Faithful God, we pray for all families who have been forced from their homes by war, or flood, or the need to find food. Grant them courage as they travel, safety as they seek refuge, and hope for a secure future. May we, who have been given so much, learn to be generous and welcoming to those who, fearful and needy, seek shelter among us. Amen.* (Intercom p. 37)

New Year Day – the 1st of January 2020 is a Wednesday. It is The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On the first day of the New Year, the Church presents us with the Image of Mary as “the model of faith” for us all. “As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart”. In this New Year, let us resolve to follow the example of Mary. Mass will be at 10 a.m. on 1st January.

Happy New Year – We wish all parishioners and all who attend Mass in our Church a very Happy and Blessed New Year. This day is the World Day of Peace, so, we pray for peace for those parts of our World ravaged by war and violence, we pray for peace in our homes and in our hearts. We wish you all a peaceful New Year. Traditionally we attempt New Year resolutions today. Let us try to do and change what is possible and what is for the better, so let us resolve to be faithful to attending Mass every Sunday and having some prayer-time each day. That would certainly, get the year off to a good start.

Mass Times – There will be only ONE Mass each day during the coming week Monday - Friday at 10 a.m. Please note, evening Mass resumes on Saturday 4th January at 6.30 p.m.

Parish Office Hours – During the holiday period, the office will not always have a Receptionist, so please keep calls to a minimum. We shall of course try to deal with urgent calls; so, try to be sensitive to the circumstances. The office will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020. Have a good holiday.

St. Peregrine Mass – Will be on Tuesday 31st December at 10am.

Epiphany – The Liturgy for the great feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on next Sunday 5th January 2020.

Sincere Thanks – The Servite Community wish to thank you all for your very generous offerings on Christmas Day. We are most grateful to you all. We thank you too for your kind greeting cards, gifts and best wishes at Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and assure you of a special place in our prayers during the coming year. It has been a hectic year, a busy and demanding year with many changes, but with great work done in our Parish. Thank you again for your faith, your prayers and your support.

Children’s Liturgy Group – Will be on Sun 12th Jan at 10am Mass.