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Luke 2:29-32

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Sunday 27 December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 07891 162205 on **Tuesday 10am - 2pm**

- **PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH DURING CHRISTMASTIDE** Fr Peter will continue to celebrate daily Mass without a congregation except for the arrangements detailed below. If you would like to attend Mass on the dates listed below, please 'book-in' by telephoning 07388 814715, Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please be advised that this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.
- For those unable to attend Mass, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available from 9.00am each Sunday on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: www.churchservices.tv

Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and for which you should 'book-in' (see above)

Sunday 27 December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 29 December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>		Wilf Corrigan (dec.)
Wednesday 30 December <i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	9.30am	Freddy Bambrough (ann.)
Thursday 31 December <i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>		Deceased Corrigan & Rossi Families
Friday 1 January <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</i>	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Saturday 2 January <i>SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>		Priest's Intention
Sunday 3 January <i>Second Sunday After Christmas</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 6 January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Edna and Wilf Murray (dec.)
Sunday 10 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings at Mass 28 - 31 December - Christmas Octave

N.B. Please remember that, until further notice, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation is suspended.

Canon Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of the Christmas Season. He also thanks you for your cards and gifts which he very much appreciates.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Stephen Dale who died recently. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).

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

Psalms 127(128):1-5

R/ O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion.
all the days of your life!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2

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

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

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.

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.