# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Kenny Forster, Calum Logan & Rose-Ann Swinburn

and the Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Stuart Campbell, Joe Daly, James Devlin, Catherine & Patrick McCarry, Margaret & Patrick McKell & Denis McKenna

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish, especially Henry McVey

If you are sick or you know someone who is sick and would like to have the name printed in this prayer section, then please let me know.

### **CANON HARRY ALLISON**

On the Anniversary of the death of Canon Allison, Monday the 3rd of January, Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated in St Anthony's at 7.00pm.

### **TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL**

A Message from the pupils:

Here at Trinity, we aim to strive for a more sustainable and eco-friendly future. It's more important than ever to take care of our planet and reduce fashion waste, as the fashion industry is one of the most polluting causes. Did you know that more than  $\pm 500$  billion value is lost every year due to clothing underutilization and the lack

- of recycling? Appalling. By donating your blazer, you are not only helping our pupils but also giving them a new home - and reducing fashion waste!
- In a commitment to Sustainable Clothing, we are keen to ask former pupils to donate blazers braided or not – which are no longer used in their household. We hope to upcycle them and give them a new lease
- school life with a new owner! of If
- you have a blazer lurking in a cupboard, or wardrobe, or under a bed, please consider dropping it into our Blazer Dropbox at the main entrance of Trinity High and do your bit for sustainable fashion and for Team Trinity!

With our sincere gratitude.

# FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We have restarted our food bank collections. A collection area has been established in the porch of each Church for food donations. The food will then be taken to local foodbanks ofr distribution.





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# THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Monsignor O'Hare and I wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year. God Bless

# Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Here is a prayer you can say at home with your family today and at other times: JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



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# THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

#### **SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER**

#### THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

"His Mother stored up all these things in her heart". This occurs in Luke's Infancy Narrative: when the shepherds have left, and in this feast's Gospel. We see that the heart as where feelings are located and decisions made. Mary had much to ponder: from Gabriel's message, to her Son declaring he must be about his father's business. We should take Mary as the model on how to reflect on the thing's of God revealed in her Son.

(Readings: Sirac 3:2-6.12-14; Psalm 127; Colossian 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15.19-23)

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph <b>at St Mark's</b>
11.30am	Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at St Anthony's
1.00pm	Sacrament of Baptism at St Mark's
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at St Anthony's

#### **MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER**

## THE FEAST OF ST JOHN

St John was one of the three Apostles, along with his brother St James (the Greater) and St Peter, whom Our Lord took with Him on special occasions. Jesus nicknamed him and James 'Boanerges' (Sons of Thunder). He may be the "Beloved Disciple" of the Fourth Gospel who was present at the crucifixion and to whom Jesus commended His Mother; with St peter he ran to the tomb where "he saw and he believed". The Book of Revelation and three letters in the New Testament are attributed to him. He exile to the island of Patmos and other punishments for preaching

Christ but, by tradition, he did not die a martyr's death.

(Readings: 1 John 1: 1-4; Psalm 96; John 20: 2-8))

#### At St Mark's

9.00am-10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Feast of St John

**TUESDAY 28TH DECEMBER** 

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

The Feast of the Holy Innocents arises from the description of King Herod the Great's murder of many children under 2 years old to be sure the 'infant King of the Jews', announced by the Magi, would be no threat to him (Mt

2:16-18).

(Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 123; Matthew 2:13-18)

At St Anthony's

6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm-7.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents
	followed by the Novena to St Anthony

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

# THE MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET

St Thomas Becket (1118-1170) served King Henry II of England as Lord Chancellor then Archbishop of Canterbury. Following his installation St Thomas adopted an ascetic lifestyle and, overnight became a staunch defender of the rights of the Church. This led to bitter conflict with the King and a period of exile. He had hardly eturned after a truce had been brokered when some knights, interpreting the king's displeasure, murdered him in his cathedral in 1170.

(Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 95; Luke 2:22-35)

At St Mark's 9.00am-10.00am 10.00am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Thomas Becket 6.00pm-7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation



# THURSDAY 30TH DECEMBER

(Readings: 1 John 2:17; Psalm 95; Luke 2:36-40)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Holy Mass for Thursday of the Octave of Christmas

#### FRIDAY 31ST DECEMBER

(Readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 95; John 1:1-18)

At St Mark's 9.00am-10.00am 10.00am 9.00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Holy Mass of Friday of the Octave of Christmas Holy Mass for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

#### SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY

# THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God: This is Our Lady's greatest title. It is fitting that we celebrate it in Christmastime. She is also our Mother. Jesus shared her with us from the Cross. She gained this title by saying 'yes' to God's plan/ we will also gain from obeying the Will of God in our lives. (Readings: 1John 2:18-21; Psalm 95; John 1:1-18)

AT St Anthony's

9.00am-10.00am 10.00am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY **OF THE LORD**

#### SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the LORD: The annual telling of the Epiphany story could have us to take it all for granted: magi from far-away places, guided only by a star, fabulously rich and so on. However, they were gentiles, outsiders, detested by all! Yet they sought out the New-born King when King Herod's religious advisors who knew all the prophesies about he king being born in Bethlehem—make no move to go and see this wonderful deed of the LORD. Their gifts recognise that the Christ-Child is God (frankincense); that he is a king (gold) (Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

#### At St Mark's

4.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of the Epiph

#### **SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY**

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1.30am	Holy Mass of The Solemnity of the E
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.00pm	Holy Mass of The Solemnity of the E

## **NEW YEARS EVE**

I'll celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God at 9.00pm on the 31st of December at St Mark'. Light refreshments will be available after Mass before you head home for the festivities.

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