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 Loose: 6th Dec £300.08
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Active Membership of the Parish is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish

Are you on our GIFT AID list yet?

It is *important* to **gift aid** your offering to the church (whether Sunday envelopes or through standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by **25p for every £1** at no extra cost to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call Elizabeth in the office

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 27th December 2020

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the First Reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where non ought to, a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; A God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light of the world. This is what we, as god's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. [copyright @ J.S.Paluch Co.](http://copyright@J.S.PaluchCo.com)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Many thanks to all who helped make the Christmas celebrations prayerful. Thanks to those who helped decorate the Church to make it beautiful. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting the parish and the clergy especially in this difficult time, for your Christmas gifts of food and drinks, cards and envelopes with money - May God bless you abundantly.

I would also like to take this moment to thank all our volunteers; the stewards, cleaners, catechists, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans and everyone who have given their time to help. God bless. Fr. Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

27th December 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	James Brefo R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Gabrielle (Dot) Byrne R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass (Also Via ZOOM)	Rosa Nicholas-R.I.P Anniv.
28 th December Monday The Holy Innocents, Matyrs	10:00 am Mass	For the Parish
29 th December Tuesday	10:00 am. Funeral Mass	Rose Ann (Nancy) Morris – R.I.P
30 th December Wednesday 6 th Day in Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Christou Family – Intentions
	10:00 Funeral Mass	Ervina Toson – R.I.P
31 st December Thursday 7 th Day in Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Martin McCarthy – R.I.P
	11:30Cremation Service	Leona Gwin R.I.P.
1st January Friday Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10:00 am Mass	For the parish
2nd January Saturday Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> Agustin & Marie Louise R.I.P
3rd January 2021 Second Sunday after the Nativity	8:30 am Mass	Michael Dolan R.I.P – Anniv
	11:00 am Mass (Also Via ZOOM)	Elizabeth Feeley - Intentions

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.”

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound:

Ruby Flynn, Elizabeth Feeley, Derek Turner, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Maria Louise Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries

Gilbert Ero, Bana Emmauel, Anne & Cathleen Rainsford, Thomas Baker, Gabriel Samuels, John Danquah, Philomena & Louis Kalathara, Xavier & Ann Kamaranchath Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ervina Toson, Joe Ward, James Brefo, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert Evans, Patrick Connolly, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for funerals to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church, 6 for Baptisms and 15 for Weddings.

In the current situation in the case of funeral Masses, we request you not to attend unless specifically invited by the family of the deceased.

MARRIAGE- Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere to gather and process the paper work. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

BAPTISM (Child)

Following the government announcements, Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space. You can email us for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Programme starts on 13th January with a parents meeting. Children will have their first session on Saturday 16th January. Be aware that sessions are all Saturdays (Except Holidays) and attendance to all sessions is expected.

Young People's Confirmation

We are working to re-schedule the Mass of Confirmation. You will be contacted once there is a confirmed new date.

STAY SAFE

Please remember to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, use 'track and trace,' wearing a face mask is a must, observe social distancing by only sitting where you see the tick unless you are in the same household. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

Courses, Retreats and Events 2021

JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE

Now online, the series of talks presented by Fr. Javier-Ruis-Ortiz and Sr. Monica Cardona will look at the story of Jesus according to Mark, Matthew and Luke on 12th January from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Register at: Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

RETRouvaille

The Retrouvaille programme is offering a virtual weekend for couples from 25th to 28th February 2021. The programme is designed to help heal and renew marriages, and offers couples the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in your marriage. Find out more by visiting <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk> or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

MARRIAGE CARE- Now entering its 75th year, Marriage Care provides relationship counselling services to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable families and couples are not excluded from receiving support. More information is available at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/relationship-counselling/>

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Lens of the Gospel Luke 2:22-40

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. We are at the end of a year in which many family occasions, both sad and joyful, were disrupted by restrictions. A sword of sorrow has pierced the hearts of many. Remember what has helped your family to recover from disappointment or loss and find hope and life again.
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Meditate

This Gospel recounts an encounter: the meeting of two couples, a young couple with an old couple; a baby with some elderly people. Whereas the Joseph and Mary must have been a bit perplexed, we are told about the reaction of the old people: one praises God because he sees what he has been waiting for all his life; the other tells others of this Child. In this story, what character are you? What is your reaction to meeting Jesus?

Act

Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, tells everyone about the child she had met. Perhaps you could think of a friend, relation, or neighbour, to whom you could tell what the true meaning of Christmas is.