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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

26th December 2021 +THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Philip Kamaranchath (R.I.P.) Berham Haile R.I.P. Brian Mpunga R.I.P and the Mpunga Family Intentions
27 th December Monday St. John the Apostle	10:00 am Mass	Martin Mc Carthy R.I.P Anniv.
28 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
29 th December Wed. St. Thomas Beckett	9:15 am Mass	Patsy Toolan R.I.P
30 th December Thursday 6 th day of the Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Christou Family- Intentions
31 st December Friday 7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Cathy Weal - Intentions
1 st January Saturday. Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Margaret Keohane R.I.P Anniv.
2nd January 2022 Second Sunday after The Nativity	8.30 am Mass 11.00 am Mass (live streamed via ZOOM)	For the Parish Marcial Santamaria R.I.P - Anniversary

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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Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo – Lead Catechist and Administrator

Parish Office opening times for Admin-

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm (but emails are checked daily)

**25th December 2021 + The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)+
 26th December 2021 + The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**



FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-fleshment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is

bodily present in the human story. Today we honour the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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THANK YOU -We would like to thank all people who contributed so generously with their gifts of time, treasure, and talent that keep the parish ministry going especially at this difficult time of the pandemic. God bless!

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 at home and in hospitals, the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound and those who care for them:

Joyce Fleming, Madeline, Ludvina King, Kathleen Wallace, Eric Ebo Essuman, Rachel Kennelly, Sean Christian Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries

Marcia Santamaria, Margaret Keohane, Martin Mc Carthy, Brian Mpunga, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Joe Ward, James Brefo, Noel Kennedy, Philip Yambao, Peter Zolero, John Danquah, Eusebio Fernandez, Conrado Espejo, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

James Gray, Kathleen Sisman, Emil Viry, John Finbow, Ann Treanor Anna Speroni. Edward Bates, Alan Barker, Dennis Mendoza, Patsy Toolan, Seamus Costello, Jean Moran, Roslyn Lashley, Catherine Acholonu, Eliseo Delfin, Bridie Friel, Eileen Ely, Sherlito de la Cruz, Cesar Tabuzo, Giuseppe, Michael Reardon, Claire Hallmark.

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

SACRAMENTS

Some of the following catechetical programmes have been delayed, or the meetings suspended due to pandemic precautions. We are now slowly starting with most of the sacraments.

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 Due to a change in the law we are no longer able to issue civil marriage certificates for Marriages that took place in our church. These can now be obtained directly from the local Registrar in the Town Hall.

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months after birth. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish office. Parents of the child must practice their faith and registered members of the parish. At least one parent of the child and the godparent must supply us with their Catholic baptismal certificate and the child's birth certificate. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting beforehand.

Please contact the parish office for further details.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

2021-2022

The next parent's session is at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday 11th January 2021** in the parish hall.

The next session for children will be on **Saturday 15th Saturday at 9:30 a.m.**

CONFIRMATION 2022

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are eligible to join the Confirmation Programme 2022.

You still can join, please contact the parish office. Next week will be announced when the confirmation course starts.

If you are about to go away for Christmas-

Christmas Envelopes are available this weekend. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter envelopes are the parishioners' kind gift and provide each priest with a yearly salary.

A Huge Thank You – to everyone who is working hard to help us celebrate Christmas at Sacred Heart, especially at this difficult times. You know who you are and the parish would be lost without you.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. "O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.. Amen.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:

This donation method has proved to be easy and safe, and it is practical, as we don't normally carry cash nowadays. If you give your Sunday offering using the contactless machine at the entrance of the church, please gift aid your offering if you're a taxpayer. You can take a photo on the QR code displayed in the machine – you can then fill in the online form at home. At no extra cost to yourself, this will increase your donation by 25%.

Winners at our Christmas Raffle

Draw on 19th December 2021:

Top Extra Prize- 2 Tickets to "FROZEN" The Musical - Won by James Kiernan
1st Prize - £250 - Janet Pineda
2nd Prize- £100 – Won by 07391120092
3rd Prize -£ 50- won by Marjorie Soriano
CONSOLATION PRIZES

- Air Fryer - Won by LUDY c/o Medy Yambao
- Huge Xmas Hamper- Won by Steve Harvey
- Posh Cake – Won by Mrs Manwaring
- Fit Bit - Won by Lilian Finez
- Dinner Voucher- ALCEDO'S Bistro – Won by Mrs Naamo.

All winners have been notified.

Thank you for your generosity and hard work in supporting the Christmas Draw.

The total net is:

£2, 526.27

GUIDANCE TO CHURCHES-DECEMBER 2021 – Safety This Christmas

- Please stay at home if you have a cough, are sneezing or unwell.
- Masks to be worn (including and especially when Congregation sings);
- Social distancing
- Refrain from physical interaction where possible

Please get your booster shots as soon as you can. Please don't listen to the misinformation around, especially from social media (some of it given out by misguided people). Rather, let's listen to Pope Francis:

"I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others. I do not understand why some say that this could be a dangerous vaccine... We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other."

As of today, 5.33 million people have died from COVID-19, so we must do all we can to stop illness, stop the pressure on our NHS, and stop unnecessary deaths. May the best Christmas present we can give anyone this year is to take our moral and Catholic duty so seriously that our actions in regard to this virus demonstrate that we love neighbours as we love ourselves. @ Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Food-bank- Sacred Heart Community COVID Response.

The products most needed are:

Rice, Pasta, Flour, tinned goods, tuna, tinned tomatoes, tea, sweetcorn, porridge oats, long life milk, etc. **Toiletries:** Hand wash, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, nappies etc.

If you would like to donate these items, please leave them at the back of the church and they will be taken by volunteers to the food bank room.