



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH CHRISTMAS TIME

27th December 2015

Message from the Parish Priest

My Dear People,

The feast of the Holy Family always come straight after Christmas just when most of us have been fortunate enough to have celebrated the Christmas feast of our Lord's birth with our own "family" or close friends. Many of you asked me "what are you doing for Christmas Father?" and of course I knew what they meant.

You were asking me with whom would I be spending my Christmas. So many of those people in Airports on week before Christmas, all heading home for Christmas. Wonderful. The Church teaches with great force the place of the Human family in the formation of humanity.

All of us go by the way of the family. The family forms us so deeply and it is sacred to God. It is his will that Man & Woman, given that they are given the gift of fecundity, be good parents. The Nuptial Blessing at a Marriage refers to the parents being made good and holy. Children really prosper and develop well when they have a mother and father – known to them.

If they do not – like can be more difficult can't it? I encourage everyone to marry once they have met the one they love. Our Marriage course begins for the parishes of our deanery here at St Kentigern's Social Club Marian Room on all the Sundays of February at 3pm. Don't be put off by money. The church does not charge for weddings you know. You can make an offering but there is no set "fee"- you only have to pay the Registrar to issue the legal Certificates etc.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the model for the Christian family. This is the first family unit where Jesus Christ is loved and adored. The prayers of this Mass in the old translation say this: "Father, you ordered the earth to bring forth life & crowned its goodness by creating the family of man. In history's moment you sent your Son to dwell in time. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life and help us to live in peace... May this communion strengthen us in the troubles of life."

The Synod the Pope has called this year was on The Christian Family. Saint John Paul II wrote widely on the Family. The family needs to be defended from the attack of the politicians who would reduce "family" to anything you want. Even Elton John tells us that he feels sorry for his child who will never know a mother's love. How about that then?

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MASSES THIS WEEK
Mon– Fri 9.30 am
(Thu: Margaret McErlane)

Sat 11.30am
(Theresa Hamilton)
& 6:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY: 9:00 am
11am
& 6:30pm
(Arthur & Brenda Strafford)

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CONFESSIONS
Sat. 12—12.30p.m. and 5.30—
6.25p.m.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION
Baptisms by prior appointment only.
Baptism Preparation
1st Sunday of the month 3pm
In Church

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NO EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Credit Union
Friday Evening—Marian Room

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No Lectio Divina meeting
until January

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No Legion of Mary meet on Mon.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon: The Holy Innocents
Tue: Thomas Becket
Thu: St Sylvester
Fri: Mary Mother of God
Sat: St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

But think now those of us who can, of the

SICK: Philip Keegan, Julie Brady, Elizabeth Leyden, Aiden Kennedy, Mary Moran, Michael Nolan, Christine Booth., Mary Fitzpatrick, Licy Mylador, Patrick Banaghan, Anette McHale, Pat Snype, Denis McLoughlin, Jim Mahon, Martin Maher, Helen Walsh, Tom & Brenda Lynch, Michael Maughan, Ita Conway, Riley Moxon, William Mairs, Frances Howarth, Maureen Quinlan and infant Romain Kelly., Mariakutty Jose Uzhatil, Gertrude Thompson, Maureen Quinlan, Sr Margaret Collins, Patrick Grimes, Barbara Nolan, Agnes Benson, Chris Lydon

LD: Mary Carney (8th Jan 9.30am Funeral), Steafon Allen, Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Anthony Sudlow

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret McErlane (31st Dec), Robert Burke, Father Charles Mulholland, Arthur & Brenda Strafford (6.30pm Sunday), Theresa Hamilton (2nd Jan 11.30), James O'Rourke, Florence Ackroyd, Kirsty Rafferty, James Burke

CHRISTMAS MEMENTO: Mary & Tommy Colbert, Danny Colbert, Austin & Anne Hopkins, Florence Ackroyd



APF RED MISSIO BOXES (Missio) Collectors will be on their way round over Christmas. Money and boxes should be in for 8th January 2015. Christine Booth (Hon Sec)

CRIB OFFERING go to Caritas this year. It is the charity run for the needy in our Salford Diocese. It runs units for single mums, fostering, emergency help etc.

CARDS AND GIFTS TO THE CLERGY: you are very generous lot you know so thank you... from Fr Connolly & Fr George. We pray for all our benefactors.

Sunday Collection £ 662

Director— Kevin Fitzpatrick:
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St Kent's the Place to be

TUE: Irish language classes

WED: Bingo

THU: Ceili/Set Dancing

SUN: Salsa

December

Sat 26th- Boxing night Jib Disco

Thurs 31st- Family Parish night—DJ Tony

LIVE STREAM MASSES and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT— tune in and share the

link with your families and friends. People confined to their homes and those who now live away from our parishes would be able join us daily by connecting to <http://stkentigern.co.uk/livestream.html>

PLANNING MARRIAGE IN CHURCH IN 2016? – Tell the priest... there is a marriage course on each Sunday of February at 3pm in the Parish Centre Marian Room but you must book and register with your parish priest first.

THANKS HAVE COME from our diocese from the Homeless Families units and so many more I cannot tell you. These were all bought and wrapped and labelled so they were clearly for a boy or a girl (oooh gender stereotyping!!!) and the age. You dear parishioners were so generous in all your wrapped gifts. They all brought a little joy into the life of some child in need this Christmas. The huge number of smartly wrapped gifts were taken up to Collyhurst to the Lally Centre where the diocese runs a homeless families unit and needs toys to distribute. So, after sharing some of the wrapped gifts with local families, the remainder went there in good time for Christmas Feast.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE thanks to all who gave contributions and came to help with such energy from the Christmas Fayre. Father Christmas never stopped & the face painting was truly cunning and amusing. Next year we will have to organise a more efficient way of getting items in for sale but over all we made over £1000 which is good eh?

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TOTALS

- Door £150
- Carna £89.55
- Brick & Brack £23.85
- Cakes (Ann) £32
- Cakes (2) Margaret £82.50
- Books £29.5
- Toys £75.50
- Gents (Naeve) ££57.40
- Gaelic Coffee £114.80
- Christmas Gifts £94.25
- Piety £61
- Santa £35
- Weight of cake £20
- Raffle £273

TOTAL£ 1,158

NEW YEAR DRAW TICKETS— are out and I would like you all to take a good few books and sell them amongst

your friends & neighbours. It is all for the good of the parish which takes some maintenance as you can imagine for you have to the same for your homes.

PIETY STALL: A big thank you to all who supported our lovely selection of Religious & Personal Christmas cards etc- great value. Refreshments after the 11am Mass in the Marian Room is going well. Volunteers still needed who can spare an hour on a Sunday. We thank Freshers – our local shop for their donation towards refreshments. Volunteers contact Kay 225 0925. (Chloe won the prize for the best Picture). Thanks

SAINT KENTTIGERN'S IRISH SOCIAL CLUB— book now for 2016-2017 for Birthday's, Wedding's, Charity night's, Dinner dance, Christening's, funerals. 0161 224 2033 or www.stkents.co.uk

DIOCESAN ALMANACS ON SALE £3

MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I've asked for many favours, this time I ask for a special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus an place it within Your own broken Heart where Your Father sees it, then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted no matter how impossible, never known to fail.



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*O My Jesus, I believe that I have received
your Flesh to eat and your Blood to drink
because you have said it and your word is
true. All that I have and all that I am are
your gifts and now you have given me
yourself.*

PRO-LIFE CELEBRATION

DAY- Saturday 12th December,
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at
St Mary's Catholic Church
(Oxford Street, Eccles,
Manchester M30 0LU) From
11.30 till 3.30pm. Includes
Rosary, Confessions, Holy Mass,
guest speaker and Holy Hour.
Bring packed lunch, tea, coffee
and biscuits available.

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