



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas - C

Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

John 1: 1-18

The theme of Christmas is again announced: the incarnation, the Word of God made flesh. This is the 'mystery' hidden from the ages in which God has now been revealed to us in Christ. Just as the Old Testament envisaged, he as 'pitched his tent in our midst', so that our lives may be changed. It is a mystery to give us hope, and our hope looks forward to sharing the glory of the Son which we have seen.

**Psalm Response: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!*

## 9<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of The Lord - C

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

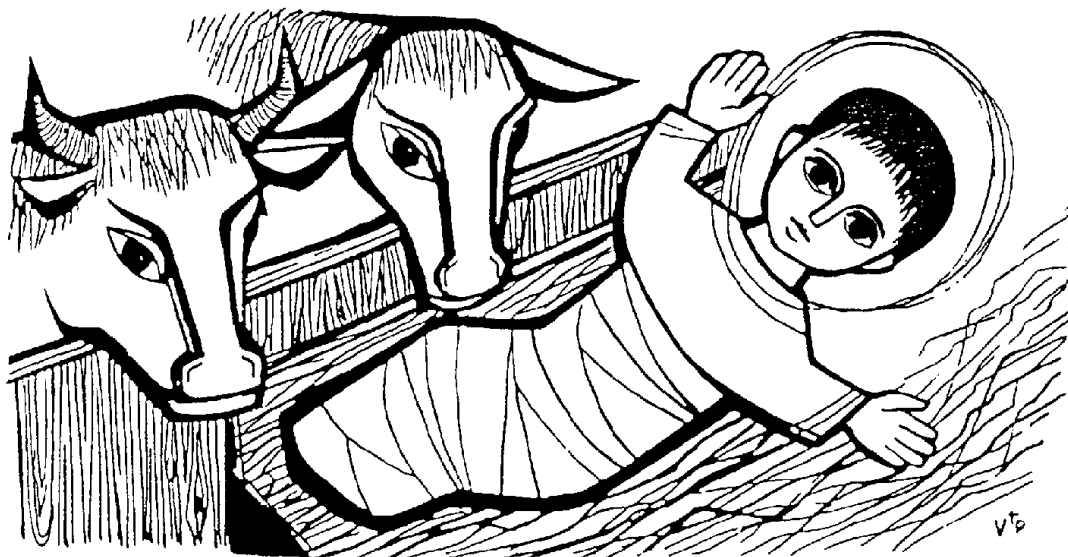
Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

There was a feeling of expectancy around at the time of John the Baptist but it was directed at the wrong person. It was not the one crying in the wilderness but Jesus who was to be the saviour of all the people. It was he who took on human nature so that he could save human nature. Paul tells us to respond to this by living the life the Lord would wish.

**Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!*



## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

The fickleness of the people had brought on them the punishment of exile. God now shows his forgiveness by promising to restore Jerusalem and fill it with glory. In the wedding wine we are shown a new grace. Jesus the saviour is here and a new forgiveness is upon us. The jars used for the old law's rules are now full of the new and wonderful wine of the new law of love..

**Psalm Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

### **Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As we continue to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas I wish you many blessings today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, and in the coming New Year.

The times of the continuing world pandemic have been unprecedented yet despite the suffering and tribulations of many it has also been a time of astonishing generosity, courage and goodness.

In today's gospel the Holy Family face the agony of a child that goes missing. Mary and Joseph, their family and acquaintances, go in search of Jesus but find him immersed in the affairs of God. Jesus is their son but also the Son of God; he is 'the son of the carpenter' but also the Saviour of the World.

'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son' (John 3.16). Jesus is the greatest revelation and gift of God, and his presence in our world transforms us. In the second reading, St Paul talks of the gifts of discipleship in Christ - we are clothed in sincere compassion, kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Our Lord's way can become our way - 'Bear with one another. Forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins'.



Christmas is rightly a time of forgiveness and reconciliation; a time of concern for the whole human family. Earlier this month Pope Francis demonstrated this when he visited a refugee/migrant centre in Greece.

“Rather than bickering over ideas,” said the Pope, it would be better to “broaden our gaze to take in the problems of the majority of humanity, of all those peoples who are victims of humanitarian emergencies they did not create, yet have to endure as the latest chapter in a long history of exploitation”.

The Holy Family began their life together as migrants in a strange land; Christ found himself in a sinful and unwelcoming world - ‘He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him’ (John 1.10-11).

In Christ our world can be transformed - Let the message of Christ, in all its richness find a home in us; never let us say or do anything, except in the name of the Lord Jesus.

With gratitude for the great generosity found in our Parishes and Schools throughout the diocese,

**Yours in Christ and Mary,  
+Alan Williams SM**

**We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill  
or unable to come to Mass especially:**

Fr. John McKeon	Doreen Hegharty	Tom Coffey	Mary Ware	Oliver Ryan
Pauline Egbunike	Maureen Bushell	Margaret Kiely	John Connors	Ibiron Ayool
Myla Lebersidge	Maureen Harvey	Michael Harvey	Mark Paton	Olive Edgar
Catherine Watkins	Andy Gallagher	Tony Leahy	Mary Wallace	Lucia Watson
Dennis O’Flaherty	Gabriella Byrne	Danny O’Sullivan		

***May they experience the healing touch of Jesus***

#### **Live Mass Streaming**

All church services are live streamed. This can be accessed via <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream/>. If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

#### **Parish Food Bank**

Thank you to all those who have been donating food for the food bank, however we can only accept non-perishable food, i.e tins and packets. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church. We are looking to have plastic bags donated as well.

### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box with your donation. Alternatively you can give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

### **Crib Offerings**

All proceeds from the crib collection will be donated to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. If you wish to donate electronically please scan the QR code on the poster by the crib.

### **A Vocational Retreat for Young Adults**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10:00am – 4:00pm at The Oblates of the Assumption Missionary Sisters, 20 Higham Station Avenue, Chingford, E4 9AZ. Theme: Following the star – where will it lead me? The day will include the celebration of Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection at all weekend Masses on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for Pax Christi.

### **Volunteering in your Parish**

We are still looking for support in the following areas at all Masses:

#### **Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters**

Please contact the Presbytery if you are willing to go on a rota as any of the above. Please state which Mass you attend.

### **Help Required**

We require people who are willing to count the collection money after the eleven o'clock Mass. Also help is required at the weekend Masses for welcomers (two at each Mass) and a person who counts the parishioners in. The repository shop requires people willing to serve after each Mass. The more volunteers we get the less we will need to rota. Please contact the Presbytery if you are willing to go on a rota as any of the above. Please state which Mass you attend.

### **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

### **Baptism Course**

The next Baptism course will take place on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm. Please email the Presbytery by 5<sup>th</sup> Jan if you wish to take part.

### **RCIA Programme**

The next session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

### **Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme**

The next session for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will take place on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10:00am in the hall. Your Mass will take place Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11:00am

### **Confirmation Programme**

The next session for Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm.

### **Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it**

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

### **Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it**

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

### **Covid 19 – Contact Tracing**

After coming to the church please use the QR code displayed. Alternatively you can use <https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/>

### **Job Vacancies**

#### **St Bede's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Redbridge**

Learning Support Assistants (3 posts). Three permanent posts to support children with high needs. LBR scale 3 Salary £22,185 - £22,985 per annum pro rata. Hours of work: 8.45–5.15pm Monday & 8.45am–3.30pm. Tuesday to Friday (29.25 hours per week/43.26 weeks per year)

## **St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge**

Finance Officer - term time only and an Assistant Caretaker - full time. Previous experience for both roles is essential. For further information please contact 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

### **Readers for Mass**

<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald &amp; Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Annette O'Donoghue &amp; Philippa Ademuyiwa</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Ify Dyrojaiye &amp; Nkem Okoli</b>
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem &amp; Peter Roberts</b>
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ngozi ONodugo &amp; Alfonse Gabriel</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion &amp; Caliyip Groups</b>
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Peter Roberts &amp; Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Daniel Hughes &amp; Annette O'Donoghue</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Clare Nwachkwa &amp; Onose Eugalaeon</b>

### **Eucharistic Ministers for Mass**

<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Amanda Shpati</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Berni McKeag</b>
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Matthew Onyemah</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Veronica Obi</b>
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Dennis Ahorituwere</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Augusta Egualeonan</b>

### **Christmas Draw Result**

**First Prize: £500.00 to ticket number 10717**

**Second Prize: £250.00 to ticket number 6763**

**Third Prize: £100.00 to ticket number 2664**

**Fourth Prize: £50.00 to ticket number 1064**

If your number is given above please contact the Presbytery and arrange to collect your prize. Please note that we will need to see your ticket before handing over the prize.

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as

young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. For more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply see [www.bcys.net/events/sl22/](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22/).

### **The Evolution of the Mass**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). The event begins at 11:00am and ends by 1:30pm. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the website.

### **Chorister for a Day**

Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 7-12 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4 pm, an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. For more details and to register a place, please visit [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265288.

### **Thank you**

Father Stephen would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everybody's generosity over the Christmas period. He especially notes that many members of the community have excellent taste in wine.



## Mass Intentions

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Josephine Omatsuli (RIP)	Omatsuli Family

#### Feria

<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Margaret Keily (Spec. Ints)	
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#### Feria

<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Bernadette Hindson (Get Well)	Cody Family
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#### Feria

<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Russell Lewis (Spec.Ints)	Cody Family
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### The Epiphany of The Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

<b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:30am	Bridget McDonagh (RIP)	
	7:30pm	Fr David Irwin	

#### Feria

<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Fr Desmond Baker	
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#### Feria

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Holy Souls	
	6:00pm	John Haywood	Haywood Family

### The Baptism of The Lord (C)

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Devasia Thomas (RIP)	Cecily Thomas
	11:00am	Patrick Ward (RIP)	Berni & Peter

#### Feria

<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10:00am	Sally Pardoe (RIP)	Cody Family
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#### Feria

<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10:00am	Christopher Hindson (Get Well)	Cody Family
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#### Feria

<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Holy Souls	
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#### Feria

<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Kath Platt (Spec Ints)	Cody Family
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#### Feria

<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Fr Dominic Byrne	
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#### Feria

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Holy Souls	
	6:00pm	People of the Parish	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Brian Spicer (RIP)	Mary & Colin
	11:00am	Olive Edgar (Get well)	T Power

**Mass attendance:** 19/12/21- 319 Late: 51      26/12/21- 152 Late:23  
**Collections:**                      19/12/21 - £790.61                      26/12/21 - £947.30 Thank you