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Sunday 27th December 2020 - Year B The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Confessions

Saturday 2nd January 2021 - 11.00am-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.00pm

Sunday 27th December	7.00am	People of the Parish	
	8.00am	Thanksgiving	
	9.00am	Pedro & Ana Barretto (Thanksgiving)	
	10.00am	Almeida & Dsouza Family (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	Angelo Caruso (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Tess Langan (RIP)	
Monday 28th December	8.00am	Seby Fernandes & Feleciana Pereira (Thanksgiving)	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 29th December	8.00am	W.Tworek (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Feast of St Thomas Beckett</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 30th December	8.00am	Sapeco Family (Thanksgiving)	<i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>
	5.45pm	Souza Family (Thanksgiving)	
Thursday 31st December	8.00am	Venturino Nardini (RIP)	<i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Friday 1st January	8.00am	Filomena Fernandes (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
	9.00am	Tom Flaherty (RIP)	
	10.00am	Angelo Caruso (RIP)	
	11.00am	Mavin D'Silva (Birthday)	
Saturday 2nd January	8.00am	Deceased Luis Demelo Family	<i>Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>
	6.15pm	B.Nardini (RIP)	

NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Main Collection **£1471**

Green Envelopes **£223**

Thank you for your generosity.

NEW YEARS DAY If you are able to steward at any of the New Year's Day Masses please let Canon John or Fr Thomas know. Many thanks.

ANNUAL BIG SLEEPOUT Please help Sr Mary raise money to support the homeless for Christmas. Please follow the link to show your support and make a donation. Thank you.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/threshold-housing-link?utm_source=cus-tomer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

YOUTH 2000 would like to invite you to NEW, our annual New Year's retreat. Due to current restrictions, NEW will run online on 2nd-3rd January 2021. We see NEWonline as a great opportunity to kick off 2021 in the best way possible, centred on Jesus Christ and in community. You can expect:

1. An experience where you can meet like-minded young people and grow in fellowship.
2. Inspirational talks from great Catholic speakers
3. Live Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry and Adoration.
4. Holy Mass and Rosary.

To join us on the retreat, register here:

<https://youth2000.churchsuite.co.uk/events/dzux5fdr>

REFLECTION

As we come to the end of 2020, we know that it is a year that most of us will never forget. It has been a year like no other. Family life has been turned upside down in so many ways. For some families the time together has been a rich and rewarding experience. For others, especially those without outside space or space for working at home, it has been exceptionally challenging. For some families, it has meant not being able to see one another for weeks and months at a time. It has brought joys and sorrows for many, especially for those families where elderly relatives in care homes have been inaccessible or family members in hospital unable to have visitors. Whether it has been a positive or a painful experience for us, we are not alone. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experience similar trials in their family life. In their joy, the parents of Jesus as a baby, bring him to the Temple as the Law required. What they did not expect to hear was the painful prophecy of Simeon. In life there are always times of joy and sorrow. Trusting that the Lord is there, present within it all can challenge us but as we enter into 2021, let us take that trust and believe that whatever life may throw at us we are in the loving embrace of the Lord who will never abandon us.

