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The Holy Family

Sun. 27	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass- Streamed & Public	Paddy Henehan
<i>Mon. 28</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i><u>No Mass Today</u></i>	
Tues. 29	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass – Streamed	Liz Morey
Wed. 30	Dec.	10 0 am	Mass – Streamed & Public-	Rena Kerbey
Thurs31	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass - Streamed	Margaret Dunne
Fri. 1	Jan.	10.0 am.	Mass – Streamed & Public	Sheila and Ken Heyman
Sat. 2	Jan.	10.0 am.	Mass –Streamed	Margaret Erraught
Sun. 3	Jan.	10.0 am.	Mass- Streamed & Public	George Williams

Diocesan Prayer Link St. Peter & St.Paul (Bath)

Scripture Readings This Week:

Mon. 1 Jn.1: 5-2: 2. Mt.2: 13-18.

Wed. 1 Jn.2: 12-17. Lk.2: 36-40.

Fri. Nm.6: 22-27. Lk.2: 16-21

Tues. Col.1: 24-29. Lk.22: 24-30.

Thur. 1 Jn.2: 18-21. Jn.1: 1-18.

Sat. 1 Jn.2: 22-28. Jn.1: 19-.28.

Feast Days & Memorials This Week

Mon. Holy Innocents, **Tues.** St. Thomas Becket **Fri.** Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sat. St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

Sick & Housebound – Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, in particular, those recently sick – Stephen Hooper, Tom Lewis, Lena Buck, Harry Jenkins, Kathleen Farrell, John Shoemake, Simon Jenkins, William Hewitt, Malachi Moran, Wayne Parrock, Mary Sheehan, Miriam King, Carmel Jenkins, James Barr, Aileen Milkins, Sophie Dewland, Lorna Sandland, Kate Smith, Peter Cooke, Mary Mulcahy.

Please also remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur at this time- Mary Milkins, Lawrance Ward, Henryka Jaworska, Mark McGrath, Katie Sullivan, Helena Mrvanova, Czeslaw Kozakiewicz, Michael Cleary, Joyce Holbrook, Richard Roberts, Annie Fitzpatrick, George & Lillian Summers, Renata Rzepaka, Oskar Klezuz, John Cooke, Aleksandra Jaworska, Anna Dumphy, Kenneth Heyman, John Csergezan, Mary Morris.

27 December - Feast of the Holy Family

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.

Sea Sunday-20 December.

The collection on Sea Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) raised £64.00. The fund will remain open for donations for a further week.

Weekly donations envelopes: If you have not received your envelopes for 2021 please contact Regine Futter on 07961 861303

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

Dear Parish Family

John and I would like to thank you all very much for so many emails via Fr George, cards and messages of support that you have sent over the last few months for what we do for the parish. It is really very kind of you, we are truly grateful and touched by your kind words of appreciation, especially to be thinking about us at this turbulent time when there is so much to deal with in your own lives. There are many people continuously doing various jobs to help throughout the year, they do so much to support the parish and often go unnoticed, so we thank them for their hard work and huge input which enables us to open the church and make it a safe and clean environment for everyone. We would not be in this position without their time, help and support. We feel privileged to be able to assist Fr George and be a part of this incredibly beautiful parish. He has really persevered to get the livestream working to a standard that will make it easier for everyone to watch livestream Mass easier in their homes, especially when people are unable to attend Mass in person. It must be difficult for some to watch live streaming, so we have tried to involve the parish in whichever way possible to enable them to feel in touch with each other and also to feel a part of the parish family, we are extremely fortunate to have something in common with each other which is our faith in God. The church looked incredibly sad without the congregation for so many months, which is what makes up the body of Christ, the church. It is wonderful to see so many people coming to Mass at this difficult time. We can only do our best in trying to support each other at this unprecedented time and wait patiently until things gradually get better. John and I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and good health. Love and God Bless **Margaret and John Duncan**

Parish Christmas Draw-Prizewinners

1.£250	876	Philip Harrison
2.Hamper	288	Bridget Danton
3.£50	940	Lilian Linglin
4. 6 Wines	981	Veronica Kelly
5.Whiskey	783	Leila Cole
6.Chocs.	590	Frances Henry
7.Brandy	1079	Derris Johnstone
8.£25	357	Marie Cooke
9. C.Cake	1201	Alina Smolek
10.Dolls	98	Brendan Murphy
11.Wine	395	Phyllis Clarke
12.Whiskey	222	Allison Bennett