

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

The Holy Family

27th December 2020



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Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 11.30am
(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

Recently deceased: + Sara Mellon rip. May she rest in peace.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: If you or a family member requires a priest to attend with Holy Communion please contact the friary.

Christmas Poinsettias: 106 poinsettia plants were donated in memory of loved ones. Thank you so much for your kind contribution in beautifying the Church and Sanctuary this Christmas.

Baby Arthur returned home from Alder Hey for Christmas and is doing well. His parents thank you for your prayers.

Weekday Mass: 28th – 31st: There will be no public Mass in Church at 12.00 (or 7.30pm on Tuesday).

Parish Office will be closed from Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January 2020.

Face coverings: please observe the guidelines on wearing a face-covering in church.

The public lavatory in the sacristy area is prohibited as there has been a failure to sanitise the area after use.

Friday 1st January: Mass will be at 10.00am

*With prayerful best wishes for the New Year 2021
from the Friars.*

Mass times: 27^h December 2020 (Masses to be said by Fr Kevin).

26.	12.00 noon	Margaret Hynes rip
Vigil	6.00pm	Pro Se Ipso
27. Sunday	8.00 am.	Stephen Dooley rip (Anniversary)
	10.00 am.	Onslow Family
	12.00 noon	Pro Popolo
28. Monday	12.00 noon	no public Mass
29. Tuesday	12.00 noon	no public Mass
	7.30 pm.	no public Mass
31. Thursday	12.00 noon.	no public Mass
01. Friday	10.00 noon	Parishioners
02. Vigil	6.00 pm	Arthur Devine rip (A)
03. Sunday	8.00 am.	Marjorie & Joe Thompson
	10.00 am.	Sara Mellon rip (LD)
	12.00 noon	Pro Popolo

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David

26. Saturday	12.00 noon	Mark & Barbara Morrisroe
27. Sunday	10.00 am.	Christmas Intentions
28. Monday	12.00 noon	Trish Lewis rip
29. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Margaret Kelly rip
30. Wednesday	12.00 noon	John Joseph Leonard rip (A)
31. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Thanksgiving
01. Friday	12.00 noon	Fr Florian OFM Conv
02. Saturday	12.00 noon	Peter Barber
03. Sunday	10.00 am.	Dorothy Keane

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent

26. Saturday	12.00 noon	Brenda Togstead rip
27. Sunday	10.00 am.	Josie McVeigh - successful operation
28. Monday	12.00 noon	Charles McVeigh rip
29. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Neil Steven Williams rip (20 th A)
30. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Rosie Melvin
31. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Marjorie Murphy
01. Friday	12.00 noon	Murad Ghorbal rip
02. Saturday	12.00 noon	Andrew Bowers rip
03. Sunday	10.00 am.	Freda Marnick rip

Masses received: Sara Mellon rip (LD) x 5, Marjorie & Joe Thompson. Fr. Patrick Kelly, Michael Mohan.

Thought for today. The Holy Family.

“Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God.”

Many parents plan their baby's name throughout the pregnancy and then change their minds when they see the little one for the first time. The name has significance and a meaning that will last a lifetime, especially if it is a “family name” of someone who is dearly loved. Giving a name to a new baby is a family event, a decision that is not made in isolation. It is an important way of recognising that the new arrival is an essential part of the family and will be for ever. When parents give their baby a name, it is a sign that the infant belongs to the family. It is truly a promise of “all for one and one for all”. Family members are there for each other.

When Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph gave him the name that God had chosen, a name that means “Saviour”. A few weeks later, they took him to the Temple, in accordance with the Jewish law, to present him to the Lord. Simeon and Anna were holy people who had dedicated their lives to the service of God and God's chosen people. They knew the promise of the Messiah but did not know his identity or when he would come. Simeon had long prayed that he would not die before he saw the Messiah for himself. Although the Gospel does not say so, Anna probably did likewise.

Nothing external distinguished the Holy Family from any other young couple and their baby. Yet God touched the hearts of Simeon and Anna so that they recognised Jesus as more than “just” another infant. Jesus would be “the light of the Gentiles”. For Simeon, this was a prophetic moment. He perceived something of the suffering that would come to Mary simply because she was the faithful mother of Jesus. A “sword” of sorrow would pierce her heart. Mary, the new mother, found her joy turned to pain. Joseph, so faithful and loving towards Mary and Jesus, also found his world turned upside down. Yet Mary, Joseph, Simeon and Anna all shared the joy of knowing that this tiny baby was also the Messiah, the hope of the world, the one for whom generations of faithful people had waited.

No one who saw Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have known that they were witnessing the dawn of a new age. Simeon and Anna only recognised the Holy Family because God was active in the situation. It took faith to see beyond a newborn baby to the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Simeon needed courage to warn Mary that her joy also heralded pain. Joseph would be presented with a responsibility he had never anticipated. According to tradition, Joseph died before Jesus began his adult ministry, so he was no longer around to support Mary when she was most in need of his quiet strength and fidelity.

Family life may not be a bed of roses. Every family will have problems to face. Every family will know troubles and sorrows. Sometimes families break apart because the problems become too many, or the challenges of living together become too great. At such times they may be in special need of our loving concern and support. But there can be an unbreakable bond, a unique friendship and an unflinching strength that carries a family through good times and bad. Every family has moments of great joy as well as times that are difficult, when it is only the love between them that gives them the courage they need as they face things they had never expected and would never have wanted. Mary and Joseph gave Jesus the foundation that prepared him for Calvary – and also for Easter Sunday. May their example and their prayers bring our families courage in the bad times, and joy in the good.

Bidding Prayers

The Holy Family

27th December 2020

Loving Lord you sent your only son into this world as a vulnerable child that was nurtured and protected by a human family. In our own vulnerability we turn to you, please hear our prayers we bring before you.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that Christmas teaches us that God did not look down upon us and pass by, but He fully immersed our nature and our human condition, except sin. Let us remember this gives meaning to our existence and helps us through current difficulties, created by the pandemic.
2. Let us pray for all families on this day, the *Feast of the Holy Family*. Let us look to Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus as a loving model for all Christian families.
3. Let us pray for all mothers. May they always be inspired by Mary's duty to God and her beloved only Son. We give thanks for mothers and their tender, caring, all-encompassing love for us.
4. Let us pray for those that are isolated and bereft of family during this special season. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and fill their lonely hearts with peace and joy.
5. Let us pray for communities to bestow kindness to each other during these difficult days of ongoing lockdown. Let us live as good Christians and think of others before ourselves. Let us lend our ears, our hearts, and our time to those most in need.

6. Let us pray for stranded hauliers at the border. As they face solitary confinement in their lorries may the Holy Spirit bless and protect them on all their onward journeys.
7. In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Rona Elizabeth Hansen, Sara Mellon and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Br. Isidore Lewczuk, Sr. Agnes Vernon, Helen Murphy, Mary Boyle, Jean Hunter, Paul Netterfield, Peter A McGrath, Andy Walsh, Arthur Devine, Cherie Flynn, Irene Bernadette Walsh, Frances McGuinness, Jennie McVeigh, John Joseph Leonard, Stephen Dooley, Neil Steven Williams. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
8. Let us pray for a moment for our own personal petitions...

Heavenly Father help us to appreciate all you have done for us. Let us hold you close during this special season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for those who ask for prayers.

Arthur (baby), Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Robert deAsha, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr. Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Michael Mohan, Rihanna Mughan, Raquel Myles, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (teenager), Noah (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young.



The Nativity scene in St. Anthony of Padua
Mossley Hill
Christmas 2020



Sunday 27 December 2020
 Luke 2:22-40
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to the temple. A holy man called Simeon and a holy woman called Anna are at the temple. They see Mary and Joseph with the baby and realise he is God's son. Simeon holds baby Jesus and praises God.

My name is _____

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Simeon and Anna saw Jesus and recognised him.

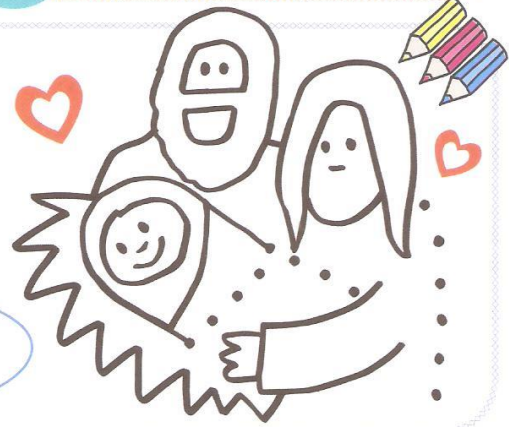
Can you see whose eyes belong to who?



Feelings

Simeon and Anna had waited a long time and were overjoyed with excitement to finally see Jesus.

Finish their pictures and draw their happy faces!



Coded message

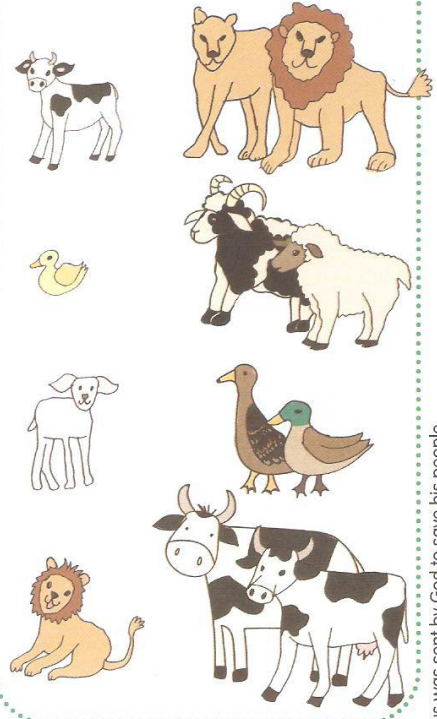
Mary and Joseph knew that Jesus was a special baby, but what did Simeon and Anna know?

Cross out Simeon's and Anna's names to find out.

SIMEONTHEYANNAKNEWSIMEONJESUSANNA
 WASANNASENTSIMEONANNABYSIMEONGOD
 ANNATOSIMEONSAVEANNAHISANNAPEOPLE

Families

Mary, Joseph and Jesus are a family. Match these babies with their family.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for my family at home and for my church family. Help us all to care for each other. Please bless and protect us.

Answers: Coded message: They knew Jesus was sent by God to save his people.