

## Mass times and Intentions

### THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6.30 p.m. MASS *Patrick Behan RIP*

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 10.00 a.m. MASS *The Parish*

### OCTAVE of CHRISTMAS, Year A (Weekday Cycle Year II - Psalter week 1)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December NO MASS/SERVICE

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 6.00 p.m.  
Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
& World Day of Peace*  
6.00 p.m. MASS *Peace in our World*  
Followed by 'bring & share' supper

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 12 midday  
Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30 a.m. Holy Rosary  
10.00 a.m. MASS *Tina Hanks RIP*

### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 6.30 p.m. MASS

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 a.m. MASS

### Money banked this week

Please see next newsletter.

### *A GREAT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!*

**6.00 p.m. Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> January**

*Celebrate Our Lady, Mother of God and  
Pray for Peace in our World.*

Then celebrate our parish community with  
a 'bring and share' supper.

**CLEANING TEAM: 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Angela Rymills, Ann O'Flanagan, Helen Burns,  
Ray Otley and Ron Hefford



## PARISH OF ST. FELIX

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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### Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Stewards:

Saturday: Jo Rowson

Sunday: Sharon Copperthwaite and Jozefowicz Family

Day	Reader 1	Reader 2	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice
Saturday	J. Dance	K. Shurety		A. Rymills	I. Sch-Bidwell
Sunday	S. Arnold	D. Arnold	M. Stewart	S. Jose	Dcn. Huw

#### NEXT WEEK

#### Stewards:

Saturday: Carole Fairbairn

Sunday: Ron White and Taku Musavengana

	Reader 1	Reader 2	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice
Saturday	M. Staight	A. Kent		A. Hardwick	S. Buck
Sunday	J. Padin	S. Cleghorn	M. Waters	K. Berry	Dcn. Huw

### THE HOLY FAMILY

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Psalms response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

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PLEASE



during Mass and  
other services in  
church.

*Thank you*

Dear Friends,

This weekend we have a wonderful remembering of the family life of faith and trust into which Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus. The community of the Church will come together as a family with its own memories and hopes. We can prepare by looking backward with regrets and with gratitude. We can look forward with fears and hope. Mary and Joseph would have had many chances to exercise these options as well.

The celebration of the Holy Family should serve as a reminder to us that the family is holy; that there is a reflection of our Trinitarian God in the father, mother and child of the family; and that there will be no order in society if there is not stability in family life.

Being in a family is no easy job. All parents are amateurs when they start off. What can they do about today's great assault on family and Christian/human values? For one thing, be willing to spend time - even when it is scarce. Be open to sensitivities. Remember; we all make mistakes.

The family is being chased down and slain by the 'Herods' of modern culture. We need to cherish our families, whether they have grown up and left home or are just starting out. Every value-rooted family builds another bastion against the degradation of this important foundation-stone of human life and society.

We all want to be part of the great web of love that is God's presence on earth. It is played out in families. In the foibles and fun of ordinary life - God is there. The feast of the Holy Family is placed so close to Christmas in order to show how crucial love and care are to all human lives in their beginnings, and in their continuings, as well.

*Dcn Huw*



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND  
SUPPORT -  
throughout the year  
and your extra effort at  
Christmas.**

### **PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

**Please pray for all who are sick, those who are anxious or troubled,  
and for all those requesting prayers in our intercession book:**

God our Father,  
we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers  
for their healing and their peace.  
Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care.  
Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

### **Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Andrew Mulhair, John Birch, Theresa Heath, Gavin Noel,  
John Goreham, Kathleen Hanson.

### **Quiet Prayer:**

Lord, we pray for peace on earth.  
Show us how we can each promote peace.

### **During Advent and Christmastide, we are asked to pray for:**

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and  
Expectant Mothers

### **Pray with Pope Francis:**

In January Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying for:

### **The Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of  
goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

### **CHANGING SEASONS:**

The winter is upon us and the expenses of our church will rise with  
the need for extra lighting and heating.

We all like to come into a warm church, so please review the amount  
you put into the collection plate.

*Thank you.*

New items for the newsletter can be sent by email to:

**stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com**

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the newsletter the next weekend.

Excerpts from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS **POPE FRANCIS**  
for the CELEBRATION of the **53rd WORLD DAY OF PEACE** - 1 JANUARY 2020

**PEACE AS A JOURNEY OF HOPE:  
DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION**

Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family. Hope is thus the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable. The terrible trials of internal and international conflicts, have an enduring effect on the body and soul of humanity. Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood. Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace.

How do we break the unhealthy mentality of threats and fear? How do we break the current dynamic of distrust? We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust. The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this.

The world does not need empty words but peacemakers who are open to a dialogue that rejects exclusion or manipulation. Peace "must be built up continually"; it is a journey made together in constant pursuit of the common good, truthfulness and respect for law. Listening to one another can lead to mutual understanding and esteem, and even to seeing in an enemy the face of a brother or sister.

In our Christian experience, we constantly remember Christ, who gave his life to reconcile us to one another (cf. *Rom 5:6-11*). This path of reconciliation is a summons to discover in the depths of our heart the power of forgiveness and the capacity to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters. When we learn to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace.

This journey of reconciliation also calls for listening and contemplation of the world that God has given us as a gift to make our common home. We need to become more open to encountering others and accepting the gift of creation, which reflects the beauty and wisdom of its Creator. This conversion must be a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life. It requires that "the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us"

**PARISH FAIRTRADE STALL:**

As the Fairtrade shop in Bury St. Edmunds is no longer able to supply goods for other stalls on a 'sale or return' basis, and we are not in a position to purchase goods directly from 'Traidcraft', reluctantly we have had to discontinue our monthly Parish Fairtrade stalls.

However, please continue to support our Fairtrade producers by looking out for the Fairtrade Mark whenever you shop, and buy items carrying this mark as often as you can.



Also, when in Bury St Edmunds, why not visit  
**'Just Traid' in St John's Street**  
for a range of Fairtrade and organic shopping,  
and a delightful café!

**FAIRTRADE CHALLENGE:**

To encourage us to look out for and purchase items with the Fairtrade Mark when we are shopping, the parish Justice & Peace group has issued a challenge to see who can collect the most Fairtrade Marks when shopping between now and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

You can collect as a family, in a team or as individuals. Collection forms are available in the narthex and extra ones can be found, when you need them, in a folder on the J&P noticeboard. Completed forms can also be left on the J&P noticeboard.

The Fairtrade Marks collected must be original - not copied and can be from any Fairtrade product - tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, wine, T-shirt etc.

Whoever collects most 'Fairtrade Marks' by the closing date will receive a Fairtrade Easter Egg... so get looking, shopping and collecting...