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## **Feast of the Holy Family B** 27th December 2020 Psalter 2





YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021

DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 26TH	6.00 PM	Intentions of Jo & Leo Hurst		P Sims	McArdle Family
SUN 27TH	8.00AM @Hethe	People of the Parish			R Dean; S Wilde
	9.30 AM	John, Neil & Eddie Ward (RIP)		S McCarthy	B Nichols; C Moyse
	11.00 AM	Cyril & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)		L Cleeve	Kokore & Portia
	6.00 PM				M & J Franta; L OFlynn
MON 28TH	9.05 AM	ROSARY	Feast of the Holy Innocents M		A Farrell & P Sims
	9.30 AM	Anna & Robert Duggan (RIP)			
TUE 29TH	9.05 AM	ROSARY			R & R Deane
	9.30 AM	Janet & Nicholas Byrne (RIP)	Feast of St Thomas Becket BM		
WED 30TH	9.05 AM	ROSARY	Christmas Octave		L & C Cleeve
	9.30 AM	Int. Edward & Ellen McDonagh family			
THUR 31ST	9.00 AM	ROSARY	Christmas Octave		Kokore & Sisters
	9.30 AM	John O'Grady (RIP)			
	6 - 7PM	HOLY HOUR			Sisters
FRI 1ST	12 NOON @ Hethe		Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God		R Deane & S Wilde
	12 NOON	Thanksgiving Mass - Canon John's B'day			M & S Doherty
SAT 2ND	6.00 PM	Bridgett McDermott (RIP)	2nd Sunday of after the Nativity		M & S Doherty, A Poole
SUN 3RD	8.00 AM at Hethe	People of the Parish			R Deane, S Wilde
	9.30 AM				Brown& Frankie
	11.00 AM	Tom Hattam (RIP)			J Marshall, Sisters
	6.00 PM				L & C Cleeve & L O'Flynn

## WISH YOU ALL A VERY PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



**This week we pray for.....** ohn Sanjeev Rao & Damayanti Batthula **SANCTUARY LIGHT** John O'Grady (RIP) **OUR LADY'S LIGHT** 

**NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP** If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend private prayer. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21. All children who do not attend St Mary's School please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at

<u>nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com</u> or the Parish Office.

**Confirmation Commitment** Dates to be arranged.

**Holy Communion Commitment** Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

**PARISH GIVING :** The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing order. Bank details are: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Or you may contact the parish office for a set of envelopes.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**: Parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2021 are reminded that they must make an online, or paper application through Oxfordshire County Council between 1st Nov 2020 & 15th Jan 2021. Any queries, contact the school office, 252035. For more information, please see a special flyer available on our website. I would like to encourage our catholic parents to send their children to our school.



**SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS** As you may be aware, there are lamps which burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Parish Clergy, post through Henley House letter box or to Parish Sisters in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will

be published in the weekly bulletin. Intentions will be placed in order as they are received.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Children of the parents who are ready for the First Confession are invited to get in touch with the office to make necessary arrangements.

**SYMPATHY:** I would like to extend our deepest condolences and our prayers to Teresa St John's family (mother of Deacon Nick) who passed away on Monday 21st December. May her souls rest in peace.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Patrick Bradley who passed away on Tuesday 8th December 2020, aged 81 years. Funeral Service will be taking place here in Church on Monday 4th January at 12 Noon followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.* 

**SACRISTY ROOF:** It is necessary for us to replace the flat roof of the sacristy due to age and wear and tear. This work is right now talking place. Any donations towards it would be much appreciated.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THIE LORD: On

Wednesday 6th January 2021 the Holy Mother Church invited us to celebrate the Solemnity of the epiphany of the Lord. The Mass times are as follows: Bicester: 9.30 am and 12 Noon. Hethe: 9.30 am

**<u>CONFIRMATIONS</u>**: The commitment Masses will take place most probably in the month of February andI do hope to confirm the date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the next couple of weeks.

**THANK YOU:** Father Robert and I would like to thank you for your Christmas offerings, cards and gifts. May God bless you all.

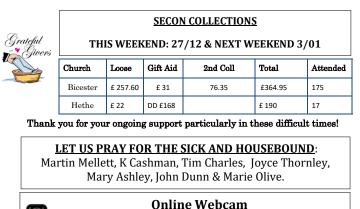
## Prayer to St Joseph the Worker



O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you.

You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Je-

sus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.



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