

# St Saviour's Church

30 December 2018 - Christmas 1 (Holy Family)



The feast of the Holy Family seeks to present the domestic community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Comparatively little is known about the early life of this family from within scripture (sojourn in Egypt, return to Nazareth and a journey to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12) yet they are still held up as a model of faithful living and devotion to each other. What is also clear is that in our modern age the institution of the family is often under pressure and needs to be defended and encouraged as the first, if not, the highest form of a Christian community of persons seeking the glory of God and the common good.

## Parish Notes:

**Thank You** - To Fr Graham for preaching and presiding today.

**Epiphany** - We will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord next week with a special service in St German's led by Geraint, at 6pm.

**Nightshelter** - Has now begun and goes on to the end of March. Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers. The 8:00 am mass is provided for our shelter guests and helpers.

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity** 18-25 Jan. More details next week.

**Bonus ball** - Sylvia will still run the Bonus Ball over the Christmas period. If you are away, but would still like to participate, Sylvia is happy to take payments in advance.

**Tea & Cleaning** - New rotas are now available for 2019. New volunteers are always welcome and can be added. Please speak to Liz

**Recently Departed:** Arthur Humphries, Fr John Griffiths RIP

## This week:

### Sun 30 Christmas 1 - The Holy Family

8am Said Mass (St G)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 31:

No Mass (St G)

### Tues 1:

10am Mass (St S)

Mary, Mother of God

### Wed 2:

No Mass (St G)

### Thur 3:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Holy Name of Jesus

### Fri 4:

6pm mass (St S)

### Sat 5:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 6: Epiphany

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

8am Said Mass

11am Sung Mass

6pm Epiphany Liturgy

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,  
12-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matt 2:1-12

## PSALM:

**They are happy who  
dwell in your house, O  
Lord. (3vv)**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**GATHERING:**

Unto us a boy is born,  
King of all creation:  
Cradled in a stall was He,  
The Lord of every nation,  
The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he  
With sleepy cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see  
That He the world surpasses,  
That He the world surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:  
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'  
So the blameless children died  
The victims of his fury,  
The victims of his fury.

Now may Mary's Son, who came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
Unto the joys above us,  
Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He!  
Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Doth rend the air asunder,  
Doth rend the air asunder.

**OFFERTORY:**

Ding dong! Merrily on high  
In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel-singing.

**Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
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E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io,  
By priest and people sungen:

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your e'entime song, ye singers.

**COMMUNION:**

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
And they say that his name is  
Jesus

*He come from the Glory,  
He come from  
the Glorious Kingdom  
Oh yes, believer,  
oh, yes, believer  
He come from the Glory,  
He come from  
the Glorious Kingdom*

The angels sang  
when the baby was born (x3)  
And they sang that his name is  
Jesus

The shepherds came  
where the baby was born (x3)  
And they say that his name is  
Jesus

The wise men saw  
when the baby born (x3)  
And they said that his name is  
Jesus

**FINAL HYMN:**

See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy  
dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in height  
sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your  
sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light; [1]  
Angels singing peace on earth  
Told us of the Saviour's birth".

Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By Thy Face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee,  
In Thy Sweet humility! Chorus

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Samuel 1*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for  
the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul  
ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. *R/*

They are happy,  
who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy,  
whose strength is in you,  
in whose hearts are the roads to  
Zion. *R/*

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. *R/*  
*Psalm 84*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 John 3*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look

for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 2*