



Holy Cross Community Swansea

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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31st December 2017 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Time Reading cycles: Sundays B Psalter Week 1

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday

Intention: Tommy Russell Birthday Blessing

Sunday 9.30 am Feast Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Intention: Andrew & Paola Browne John & Joan McShane Christmas Blessings

Monday Solemnity Mary the Holy Mother of God 11.00 am

Intention: Mike Pickett RIP Ellen Fitzgerald RIP

Tuesday Memorial Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

NO MASS

Wednesday Weekday before Epiphany 11.00 am

Intention: Chacko Thadathil RIP

Thursday Weekday before Epiphany 11.00 am

Intention: Joseph & John Collins Christmas Blessings

Friday Weekday before Epiphany 11.00 am

Intention Pauline & Derek Collins Christmas Blessings

Saturday 12 Weekday before Epiphany 12.00 noon

Intention: Mary & Karen McCarthy Christmas Blessings

Saturday 6th January Solemnity Epiphany of the Lord 6.00pm

Intention: Pam Jones RIP Patsy Cullen RIP

Recently Died Anniversaries

John O'Sullivan
Thomas Rees
George Surman
Jean Williams
Catherine Rees
Mary Bennett
Chacko Thadathil
Blodwen Clancy
Patrick & Mary Houlihan
Veronica Lewis
Edith Watson
Jean Wade

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Heavenly Father,
look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness.
Restore them to health, we pray,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

He comes to us today. He comes to all His children who are wounded, broken and separated from family and friends. He comes to all who hate Him and love Him, all who destroyed His holy places and all who build up His Church, and to all who killed His people across the world and to all who save His people from suffering and rejection. **He comes to you and me.** For He is love, mercy and compassion. Jesus is the beacon of hope and light in our world of darkness fragmented by war, violence, secularism, religious fundamentalism, selfishness and greed. He comes to teach us humility, generosity, love and care. He comes to heal and to restore the lost unity, peace and mutual co-existence. Let us love Him, embrace Him and worship Him and let us convey His light of hope, joy and peace in our families, community, workplace and thus into the whole world. He still loves the world, He still loves you and me.

May I thank you all for your love, friendship and support. I wish and pray you, your family and friends remain blessed and healthy at this joyful time and in the New Year. I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS OFFERING, GIFTS, CARDS AND PRAYERFUL SUPPORT. God bless you for your generosity, with much love and prayers.

Last week's Collection
£ 396
200 Club Winner 107

Tesco Gift Vouchers
Sold this week £40
Parish Income £ 2

Charity Shop
Closed until 9th January.
Please do not bring any

Legion of Mary prayer group
each Monday after Mass. New
members are welcome to pray
together for Parish and for those
struggling and suffering in life

First Communion Classes
Mondays 5.30 pm
Restarts 8th January

Confirmation Class Sunday.
Restarts on 7th January

Growing in Faith Group
Mondays 7.30 pm All are welcome.
Restarts January 8th

Simeon took the child] into his arms and blessed God, saying:
"Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace. ... "

The
Spirit called.
Simeon and Anna came forth.
Call us too, Holy Spirit.
Let us recognize Christ, our brother,
the one object of our longing,
and find him in all people,
in all of creation
in our midst
here and
now.
Teach us
above all else, how to love
as you and the Father and the Son love.
Make each and everyone part of your
holy family.



Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 6th /7th January

Saturday

First

Karen

Second

Rita

Bidding Prayers

Erin

Eucharistic Ministers

Patricia Lorraine

Sunday

First

Juno

Second

Andre

Bidding Prayers

Merry

Eucharistic Ministers

Maureen Helen Jean

Church Cleaning Rota

6th January

No clean

13th January

Sibi/Siji & Thomas/Rani

IMPORTANT

Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change

Father, at the close of this year we thank you for the abundant blessings we received from your goodness. We are also sorry for the times we failed to live up to your expectations as your children. Once again we entrust ourselves into your hands as we begin our New Year. Grant us grace and humility to bear witness to you and your love, so that you and your message may be proclaimed to the world through us.

A prayer to the Infant Jesus

O Jesus, Prince of Peace and Sovereign of the Universe, you chose to humble yourself and come into the world, not as a powerful ruler, but as a helpless infant. Grant us the grace of humility and gentleness before you and our brothers and sisters. Grant too, O Lord, that we may always strive to achieve the virtue and innocence of your own childhood. Instil in us a growing faith in you, O Lord, and the strength to resist temptation in a world that so widely rejects you. Look upon us with compassion and forgive us our sins. Fill our hearts with kindness and understanding, especially for children, the aged and those we dislike or who dislike us.

O Jesus, who so loved children that you admonished us, "Unless you become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven", grant us childlike faith and purity of heart. Protect us by your Almighty power from the powers of evil, anxieties, worries, fear, sickness, accidents and unprepared death. Give us the grace not only to pray fervently, but to