



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

The Holy Family of Nazareth is a model to us of “God’s dream for the world” (Pope Francis). God wishes us to be a family, where no one is excluded, no one left behind.

Let’s ask the Holy Family of Nazareth to inspire us, and to intercede for us.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO, BEING MADE SUBJECT TO MARY AND JOSEPH, DIDST CONSECRATE DOMESTIC LIFE BY THINE INEFFABLE VIRTUES; GRANT THAT WE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BOTH, MAY BE TAUGHT BY THE EXAMPLE OF THY HOLY FAMILY AND MAY ATTAIN TO ITS EVERLASTING FELLOWSHIP. WHO LIVEST AND REIGNEST FOREVER. AMEN.

We have been asked by the Holy Father that all donations at the cribs to be given to The Holy Places of Jerusalem



A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

On behalf of myself and Fr. Scanlan, we wish to extend to you and your family a very happy and blessed Christmas and many blessings for the New Year. Thank you for all your cards, gifts, presents, and well wishes.

A litany of thanks ... to all those who helped prepare for, and celebrate, Christmas Day across our parishes. It was a truly blessed time. We will conclude the Christmas season on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

Each year, each parish around the world presents Pastoral Statistics to the Holy See, so that the Church can celebrate the great work achieved. Here are our pastoral statistics for our parishes in 2025...



53 children Baptisms
(4 Adults became Catholic)



31 funerals



9 Young People Confirmed



5 Weddings
3 in our Church,
2 abroad

First Holy Communion



51



660

Average Mass attendance

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 29th December St. Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 30th December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 31st December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	
Thursday 1st January Mary, Mother of God	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 2nd January Ss. Basil and Gregory Bishops	8.30am SSAO, 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 6pm, SSAO 7pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass Holy Hour & Confessions <i>Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart</i>	6pm, SSAO: First Friday Devotions
Saturday 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	<i>Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart</i> Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	10am-11am, SJ: First Saturday Devotions (Mass, Rosary, Confession, Benediction)
Sunday 4th January 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA Baptisms: Arabella & Luca

POPE LEO XVI UBI ET ORBI

Dear Brithers and Sistwrs,
 “Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior (sic) has been born in the world. Today, true peace has come down to us from heaven” (Entrance Antiphon, Christmas Mass during the Night). Thus sings the liturgy on Christmas night, and the announcement of Bethlehem resounds in the Church: the Child born of the Virgin Mary is Christ the Lord, sent by the Father to save us from sin and death. Indeed, he is our peace; he has conquered hatred and enmity through God’s merciful love. For this reason, “the Lord’s birth is the birth of peace” (Saint Leo the Great, Sermon 26).

Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn. As soon as he was born, his mother Mary “wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger” (cf. Lk 2:7). The Son of God, through whom all things were created, was not welcomed, and a poor manger for animals was his crib.

The eternal Word of the Father whom the heavens cannot contain chose to come into the world in this way. Out of love, he wanted to be born of a woman and so share our humanity; out of love, he accepted poverty and rejection, identifying himself with those who are discarded and excluded.

Already in the birth of Jesus, we glimpse the fundamental decision that would guide the entire life of the Son of God, even to his death on the cross: the decision ...

not to leave us under the burden of sin, but to bear it himself for us, to take it upon himself. He alone could do so. At the same time, however, he showed us what we alone can do, which is to take on our own share of responsibility. Indeed, God, who created us without us, will not save us without us (cf. Saint Augustine, Sermon 169, 11, 13), that is, without our free will to love. Those who do not love are not saved; they are lost. And those who do not love their brother or sister whom they see, cannot love God whom they do not see (cf. 1 Jn4:20).

“Jesus’ fundamental decision: not to leave us under the burden of sin. but to bear it to himself for us. to take it upon himself. He alone could do this.”

Sisters and brothers, responsibility is the sure way to peace. If all of us, at every level, would stop accusing others and instead acknowledge our own faults, asking God for forgiveness, and if we would truly enter into the suffering of others and stand in solidarity with the weak and the oppressed, then the world would change.

Jesus Christ is our peace first of all because he frees us from sin, and also because he shows us the way to overcome conflicts — all conflicts, whether interpersonal or international. Without a heart freed from sin, a heart that has been forgiven, we cannot be men and women of peace or builders of peace..

(for the complete text, visit Vatican.va)

Christmas: Nora Glynn, Mrs Brennan & Family, Dawn & Baby Robbie, James Wood, Tommy Wood, Anne McCarthy, Harry Dubois, Margaret Gidley, Charles Gidley (2), Madeline Gidley, Marie Dubois, James Crowley, Annie Crowley, Eileen Crowley, Rita & Gordon Higham, Gary Mellor, Veronica Jinks, William Jinks, Patricia Mellor, Sheila McCann, Bob Chilton, Ada & Bob Lear, Gladys & Robert Chilton, Edith, Frank & John Byatt, Peter Graham, Cath Ferguson, Wilfrid & Winifred Tootill, david and Claire Rogan, Tom & Mary Leyland, Elizabeth & David Rogan, Tunnicliffe family, Roach family, Thomason family, Mooney family, John Macken, Margaret Crickton, Patricia Coyle, Father Pat, Alan Rutter, Lillian Warhurst, Mary Claxton, Margaret & Vincent Butler, Joseph McGrattan, Terry finnegan, Ronnie Ravey, Leo & Doran Mazza, Angela & Craig Edmondson, Anne Mazza, Monica & Jim Begley

‘Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.’ (Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23)

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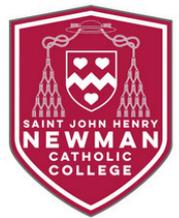
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GIFT TREE

Thank you for all who contributed to buying and wrapping a gift for The Gift Tree appeal. We were inundated with gifts, which have now been distributed to The Women’s Refuge Centre, The Welcome Centre and other places of outreach in our local community. Thank you to those who organised the initiative and all who took part.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The relics of St. Carlo Acutis will be visiting the Diocese on 28/29th January (more info. to follow)

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph Ss Aidan & Oswald

