

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Adoration of the Shepherds
by Guido Reni (1575-1642)

Noticeboard

<u>Monday</u>	Mass at 10.15 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Mass at 10.15 a.m. NEW YEAR VIGIL MASS AT 6 P.M.
<u>Wednesday</u>	NEW YEAR MASS AT 10.30 A.M.
<u>Thursday</u>	Mass at 12 noon
<u>Friday</u>	Mass at 10.15 a.m.
<u>Saturday</u>	Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Confessions Saturday, 9.45 to 10 a.m. 4 to 4.30 p.m. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Masses will be as usual next Sunday: Vigil Mass at 6 p.m. and Morning Mass at 10.30 a.m. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Wednesday, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Thursday, Memorial of St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen.

This is Fr. MacKinnon's Christmas card to the Faithful of St. Mary's and all the friends of the parish, near and far. He thanks you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all!

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Masses so special: our organists and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristan and pass keepers, and the young servers. Of all those who travelled through stormy weather for the Mass of Christmas Night, these youngsters deserve a special thanks. We thank those who prepared and decorated the church and all who donated to the flower displays. What has been especially touching this year are the flower arrangements left at the Crib in memory of loved ones. And it was a great pleasure to have Father Donald Cumming with us this Christmas. Keep him in your prayers as he continues to serve as a highly respected army padre.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Campbell Chisholm, Bella MacRae, Andrew Nesbitt, Harry Deeny, Michael McCartney, Peggy Cameron, Charles Fitzsimons, Alister Matheson, Archie MacDonald, John Maguire, Michael McEleney and Flora Buchanan.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The copies of Pope Francis's "**Joy of the Gospel**" have arrived and are available for collection at the back of the church. Only those who ordered the booklets should take them. You may pay later, if cash is not at hand.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holiday of Obligation, but many Catholics like to begin the New Year by honouring Our Lady and celebrating the Eucharist. Please note this year's Mass times, and also the 12 noon Mass on Thursday.

Bishop Toal has sent his Christmas card to the parish and **Fr. Kasule** has e-mailed his prayers and best wishes. We wish them both many blessings.

Please remember the Crib's **Missionary Children** collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions. And next Sunday we have the annual collection for the Church's work in Justice and Peace, a mission dear to the heart of Pope Francis.

Fr. MacKinnon has had to postpone this week's **housebound communions**. He will make his visits next week. Please let the housebound know and apologise on his behalf.

A short bulletin this week. The editor is pushed for time and inspiration!