



**Sunday Masses (Webcam):**

*SS John & Paul Church : Saturday 6:30 pm.  
Sunday 12 noon.*

*Mary Immaculate Church : Sunday 10:30 am*

**Daily Masses (Webcam):**

*Mary Immaculate Church : Tuesday -Friday 10 am  
Saturday: 11 am*

*SS John & Paul Church : Friday 7 pm*

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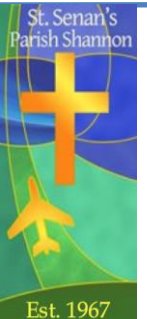
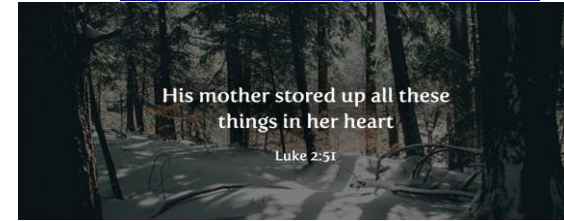
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**December 29th, 2024**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The McNamara family on the death of Mary McNamara, Foyle Park. The Cusack family on the death of Paul Cusack, Carrig Hill. The Fitzgerald family on the death of Martin Fitzgerald, Glas na Rinne. The Carey Family on the death of Sean McMahan, Pallaskenry. The Kelly family on the death of Mary Kelly, Cronan Lawn. The Kirby family on the death of Maureen Kirby, Corrib Drive. May they rest in peace.**

**First Anniversary Mass for: Clinton Daly will be celebrated Saturday, January 4th at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.**

**Anniversaries: Kathleen Clair, Martin Clair and Baby Martin John Clair. Roger Bevan, Sean Burke, Martin Collins, Mary Collins and Ronan Collins, Michael and Kitty Farrell, Colm Forde, Bridie and Peter Forde, Betty Hayes, Bert McNulty, Rita McNulty, Jim Nolan, Maureen Nolan, Bernie O'Byrne, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Adoration Chapel**

The Adoration Chapel is currently closed for Christmas and the New Year. It will re-open on the Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> as per normal.

**Last Sunday's Collection and Priests' Collection**



Last Sunday's collection was €1,780. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity. Thank you for your great support for the Priests' Christmas collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome. Many thanks also to the envelope distributors who kindly give their time to distribute the envelopes to the houses in the Parish on our behalf. Míle Buíochas.



**Prayer for the New Year**

O God, most powerful and compassionate, we praise and thank You for this year that we are concluding. Thank You for all the blessings, lessons, and encounters we had with You. As we begin a new one, we humbly ask You to be with us. Guide us to the path of renewal and becoming better persons. Bestow Your blessings upon us so that we may grow in holiness all the days of this new year. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

**Christmas Week and New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Week:**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Immaculate Church - 11am  
SS John and Paul Church - 6.30pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Immaculate Church - 10.30am  
SS John and Paul Church - 12 Noon

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Immaculate Church - 10am (Liturgy)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mary Immaculate Church - 10am

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day**

Mary Immaculate Church - 12 Noon

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mary Immaculate Church - 10am



***Regular Schedule Resumes from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>***



# focus on sunday

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 29th December 2024

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.



...let go if the child is to learn.



Today's Gospel is the only account in the canonical Gospels where we get a glimpse of Jesus as a young boy. Jesus and his family are on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Festival of Passover. As a 12-year-old Jewish boy, Jesus would have been encouraged to begin to take on the responsibilities of an adult Jew. Here, we read that Jesus takes this commitment quite seriously, remaining behind to interact with the teachers in the Temple who are "amazed" at his understanding. Jesus "increased in wisdom" so although we are not told anything else of Jesus' adolescent years, we can assume he continued to ask questions, learned from wise teachers and observed the signs of his times. Jesus was not zapped and suddenly enlightened. He more than likely had to study, mature, and enter into deep reflection.

Jesus, as a young person, is beginning to shape his identity. As with all families, this can cause difficulties. Parents want to protect their children; adolescents want to explore and expand their horizons. Conflict ensues. One must wonder if Mary's heart sank at Jesus' response to her "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" Today's Gospel is a reminder of the helplessness we experience at times when we must let God's dream be dreamed, in ourselves and for those we love. Sometimes we have to let people we love walk their own path and follow the way God has set out for them. Mary has been reminded of the Divine will that surrounds her son and once again she treasures "all these things in her heart". So, today, we thank God for our families, we acknowledge that family relationships can be complicated, we pray for families everywhere. In all the complexities that life brings for families, may we be open to discovering God's path for each one.

An extract from Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty: *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*, Messenger Publications, 2021

relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**All bow for following two lines:**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AFTER THE CONSECRATION  
**My Lord and my God.**

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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.'

There she left him, for the Lord.  
**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 83:2-3.5-6.9-10**

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

1. 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]

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. [R]

3. 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]

**SECOND READING 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24**

**A reading from the first letter of St. 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.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 2: 41-52**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us...Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

**Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**



**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28**

**A reading from the first 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,