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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(DECEMBER 29, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**O gates, lift high your heads, grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!**

Response to the Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Communion Antiphon:

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Gloriana Silveira (Anniversary) Jotham Gonsalves (Intention)
	08.00am	Mass – Shamir Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
	09.30am	Mass – People of the Parish
	11.00am	Mass - Joaquim Braganca (RIP)
MONDAY	NO MASS	
TUESDAY	09.00am	Mass – Lenny Freeman (RIP)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am	Mass – Socorro + Romano Pereira (Intention) Cipriano + Maria D'Mello
	10:30am	Mass - Francisco De Sa (Anniversary)
THURSDAY	09.00am	Mass - Melenza Lopes (thanksgiving) Jamie Donnelly (RIP)
FRIDAY	09.00am	Mass - Rose Townsend (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 5, 2025)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – People of St Marys Parish
	08.00am	Mass – Philip Joao + Rozanne (Thanksgiving)
	09.30am	Mass – Peter Vas (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Mass - Jamie Donnelly (Anniversary)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Martin Connolly, Colin Sobers, Nicola Campbell

THANKS to all those who decorated the Church, put up the Crib and the tree, prepared the Liturgy, the choir and to all those who turn up regularly to clean the Church.

THANK YOU: Many thanks for your very generous Christmas offering and for all your Christmas cards and greetings – Fr Michael.

NEW YEAR: On New Year's day the Feast of Mary the Mother of God - there will be Mass at 9am and 10.30am.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024 are now available. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion. Young people must be in Year 10 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The last date for registration is 6th January 2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Fr Francis Colaco of St Peter's is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 6th – 10th May 2025. The cost of this pilgrimage will be £769.00 per person sharing a room. This includes 5 days and 4 nights with half board in a 3* hotel in Fatima. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Mochan on 07469 940371 ASAP. Alternatively, you can contact All Saints Travel on 01793 881166 or 07703059009. To book online www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/FM0987 Poster on the notice board.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED (UK) has launched an Open Letter campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>.

Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.

PILGRIMAGE WALK carrying the Pilgrim Cross began as a Catholic student pilgrimage and has evolved into ecumenical endeavour. Which will take place on Friday 11th – Sunday 20th April 2025 from Oxford to Walsingham, 100miles. Those who would like to take part please contact by email: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com Poster on the board.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

***OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

Prayer for the New Year

*O God,
your days are without beginning
and without end.
We dedicate this coming year to you.
Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us,
and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do.
Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the
new day called tomorrow.*