

## SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – The Holy Family

### Mass Times and Intentions

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil, The Holy Family</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Gerald Martin
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December, The Holy Family</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	November Dead List
Monday <i>in the church St Silvester</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Intentions of Susan Callaghan
Tuesday <i>in the church Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	November Dead List
Wednesday <i>in the church Sts Basil &amp; Gregory</i>		<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday <i>in the church The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
Friday <i>in the church St Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	<b>11.30am</b>	
Saturday <i>in the church</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January, Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	For the People of the Parish
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Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. Wednesdays: Rosary & Novena, 7.00pm in the Church.

Saturdays: 9.45am Morning Prayer, 9am Mass, **No Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Chinnamma George, Kathleen Boxall, Tony Brock, Ernest Slack, Marie Hayward, William Henry Shuck, Michael Faulkner, Robert Hinshelwood, John Gibson, Winifred Fagan, Agnes Burley, Fr Foley, Scott Ralston, Jim Smith, Carmel Mckenzie, Angelo DiMauro, Anthony Martin, Mark Jarwick, Jean Croft, Agnes Hynd, Hugh Hynd, Evelyn Bradwell, Kathleen Birnie, Cornelio Poblete, Mary Barry, Martha Brown and Mollie Littler. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for all those unwell at home or in hospital.

Thank you for last week's collection of £ 572.14, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

Thank you also for the Christmas Gift collection of £1,397.46

### Mass information for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany of the Lord

**Announcers:** Paul Zadik (Saturday) John Brennan (Sunday). **Readers:** Ann Fleet, Anita Gibson, John McConnon (Saturday). Darren McDonnell, Mike Nadin, Clare Farrington (Sunday).

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve McGarry, Walter Mswaka\*, Tina Varley (Saturday). Gerard Strain, Lisa Unwin\*, Jane Higgins, David Wilkinson, Annie Reed (Sunday).

**Saturday Readers & Announcers:** The new rota, from 29<sup>th</sup> December, is on the notice board and in the sacristy.

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**Leprosy Mission:** Please remember to bring in your used postage stamps and put them in the box in the church porch.

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**Xmas Fayre:** There are still some unclaimed prizes in the sacristy.

**Epiphany Party – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – After Mass in the Hall. Don't forget to get your tickets, on sale after Mass today.

**Holy Communion Visits at home.** If you know of anyone who needs to receive Holy Communion at home, please ring the Parish on 2343580 Patient in hospital: Ring the voicemail on 2714999.

**Church Cleaning: Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> January, 11am:** Group 2: J Corrigan, M&A Fleet, S House, P McConnon, H Woods

**St Vincent de Paul:** Mondays at 7.30pm. Contact Chris Ashton .

**Choir Rehearsals:** Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm: contact** Barbara Hartley

**Art Class:** Wednesdays 10am in the sacristy: contact Barbara Beatson . **Next one: Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Contact Club:** Wednesdays 1.30pm. **Next one: Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> January at Rawson Spring.**

**Youth Friendship:** Years 6,7 & 8. Please contact Fran Shiel.

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**Please consider making your offertory donations to the Parish via Standing Order.**

**Gift Aid:** The tax the parish can reclaim from HMRC is an important source of income and we would like to encourage any taxpayers who do not currently make their offering under Gift Aid to consider doing so. It is the best way of increasing your offering without it costing you more, since currently, the government will increase each £1 of your personal offering by a further 25p. For the parish to reclaim the tax on your offering, you, the taxpayer, need to make a Gift Aid declaration and we, the parish, need to have a record of the date and amount of your offerings. Offerings can be by standing order, cheque or cash in a numbered offertory envelope. Your Gift Aid Declaration will cover all donations recorded by the parish, including for the Food Pantry. You will find Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church near the hymn books. When you have completed the form, please hand it either to the presbytery or drop it through the letterbox. Please be assured that the administration of Gift Aid is completely confidential. If you have any questions about Gift Aid, please call Janina Klapas on 2343580. If you are considering making a gift to the Church in your will, information can be obtained by contacting the presbytery. Thank you for your continuing support. It is very much appreciated. Offertory envelopes are at the back of church. If you want to start using envelopes, please let us know.

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## THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

### ***Ecclesia Domestica: The Family as a Domestic Church***

The family has an essential role in the divine plan of salvation. Not only was it “willed by God in the very act of creation,” Jesus himself was part of the Holy Family, “where he grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom,” and where he sanctified family life by his presence. The Christian family is a domestic church. In *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (AA, #11) the concept of domestic church is explained further by the conciliar fathers; “The mission of being the primary vital cell of society has been given to the family by God. This mission will be accomplished if the family, by the mutual affection of its members and by family prayer, presents itself as a domestic sanctuary of the church; if the whole family takes its part in the church's liturgical worship; if, finally it offers active hospitality, and practices justice and other good works for the benefit of all its sisters and brothers who suffer from want”

The Christian family along with being preachers and teachers of the faith and fosterers of vocation, the family has a divine mandate to be the central institution for the formation of the society through these seven attributes: to offer one another mutual affection; to pray together; to participate in liturgy together; to offer hospitality; practice justice and other good works toward those who are most in need. These seven attributes are the defining characteristics of the domestic church as presented by the Second Vatican Council. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sums it thus “In our time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centres of living, radiant faith. For this reason, the Church, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica-domestic Church*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are “by word and example...the first heralds of the faith with regards to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation.” (CCC, #1656). As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family today, may our families and the family of the Church become a model for holiness and sanctuary for the formation of exemplary citizens of the world.

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**Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass**



**FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Fiona O'Farrell. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona on 07955 234602, or in church after Mass on Sunday. For urgent matters go to the Hallam Safeguarding Team on 2566453.

**Bereavement Support:** If you would like support at either Sacred Heart or St Marie's, please call the presbytery on 2343580 and your request will be passed to Sr Maire or Janina Klapas.

**Diocesan Job Vacancies** are on the screen notice board at the back of church and also the Diocesan website.

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