

**This Week is the Octave of Christmass.**

26.12.21

- Mon:** ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST.  
11.30 Mass. Int: a greater love of Scripture
- Tues:** HOLY INNOCENTS  
11.30am Mass (I John 1v.5-22. Matt 2v.13-18)  
Intention:- Children at Risk
- Wed:** ST. THOMAS BECKET  
11.30am Mass (Col. 1v.24-29; Luke 22v.24-30)  
Intention: Archbishop of Canterbury
- Thurs:** IN OCTAVE  
11.30am Mass (I John 2v.12-17; Luke 2v.36-40)  
Intention:- Crib Appeal for Christian Aid.
- Fri:** OF MOTHERHOOD OF OUR LADY  
3.00pm Mass (Numbers 6v.22-27; Gal 4v.4-7; Luke 2v.16-21)  
Int: Society of Mary.
- Sat:** MOTHERHOOD OF MARY  
10.00 1st Mass of Sunday  
Readings as on Sunday.
- Next Sunday :** EPIPHANY  
9.30am Blessing of Epiphany House, Parish Mass & Address  
(Is 60v.1-6; Eph 3v.2-3,5-6; Matt 2v.1-12)

**NOTICES**

1. Thank you to all who have decorated the Church
2. Thank you to all who helped prepare for the Carol Service
3. The Churn for Christian Aid is by the crib until 9<sup>th</sup> Jan when Christmastide ends, as is the Sock Bank. Online giving for Christian Aid:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mendleshamcribappeal21>

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH. 11.00 am**

THEME : Parents who worry about their children; children who bristle with hope about their future; these are common scenes. The Holy Family at Nazareth was no exception, and is a model for today in the love and respect members of that family showed each other.

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** 238 v 1-4

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant : For the quarrels in our families which we do not attempt to mend.

Lord have mercy. People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant: For tolerating evils which injure family life. Christ have mercy.

People : **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : For the intolerance that exists between young and old.

Lord have mercy. People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

**GLORIA tune 'Infant Holy'**

**OPENING PRAYER :** *Let us pray for peace in our families.* Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading** –1 Samuel 1 v 20-22, 24-28 The child Samuel, the first one of the prophets, is born as a gift from God. His mother dedicates him to God for all his life.

*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, 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.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - Psalm 104

® **He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praises; tell all his wonderful works!®

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.®

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgments he spoke.  
O Children of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob he chose.

® **He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.**

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations,  
The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.®

**Second Reading** – 1 John 3 v 1-2. 21-24 The love God offers makes us children of God and helps us to love one another.

*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.*

**Acclamation** ( all ) **Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Hymn: 238 v 5 & 6**

**Gospel - Luke 2 v. 41-52** The loss and finding of Jesus is the only story we have from his boyhood years. It shows both his attachment to his family and also his special vocation to be at the service of the whole human family.

*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 relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him 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.*

**Address Apostles' Creed**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant** : Celebrant: On this feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we ask God for the needs of families everywhere.

**Reader**: We pray for the family of the Church. May we, the members of the Church, have respect and regard for each other.

We pray for all families of the world, particularly those struggling to survive sickness, poverty and starvation. We pray for our Crib Appeal for Christian Aid.

Let us pray for families who are living in disharmony because of misunderstandings or quarrels.

Let us pray for those whose marriages have proved unhappy or impossible; for those who have had to go their separate ways; and for those who are trying to forgive and forget.

Let us ask God to bless all children at risk; all those born prematurely; those with brain damage or disability; and for their families that where much is demanded, much strength may be given.

Let us pray for our homes; that we may learn to see and experience Christ in each other, and cheerfully love and serve with generosity of spirit.

By your reunion with Mary and Joseph in the joy of heaven, welcome our dead into the family of the Saints, especially Dick Finbow, Esme Laidlaw, Irene Bennett, Terry Warren, Graham Lockwood, Eva Abbott; Kathleen Carter; Jane Deacon; Joan Little; Jonathan Taylor; Hilda Goodall. Kitty Mason; Jack Driver; Lucy Jolley; Kate Keable; Eric Munson; Lucy Taylor; Jean Lacey; Kathleen Newton and Fr Brian Lay (anniversaries).

We seek the prayers of St. Joseph and Our Lady for the whole family of the living, the departed and children unborn - **Hail Mary..... Page 5**

**SILENCE**

**All Father, we celebrate the gift of your Son who shared our human family with Mary and Joseph. May we be one with them in peace, harmony and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: 137 v. 1 & 2**

**Offertory Prayers: v 3 – 5**

**SANCTUS: tune - Iris (Angels from the Realms) Mystery of Faith No.1 p.7**

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis**

**AGNUS DEI: tune - Rocking**

**Hymn at Ablutions - 174 Post communion Prayer & Angelus. BLESSING**

**Recessional Hymn - 113**