

Holy Family

29th December 2024



Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

First Reading (1 Samuel 2: 18 - 20, 26)

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.
Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy
wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make
for him a little robe and take it to him each year,
when she went up with her husband to offer the
yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and
his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with
children by this woman for the gift that she made
to the LORD"; and then they would return to their
home.
Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in
stature and in favour with the LORD and with the
people.

Psalm (Psalm 128)



O bless-ed are those who fear the Lord.

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house:
Your children like shoots of the olive
Around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
In a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:12-17)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe
yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience. Bear with one another
and, if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven
you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe
yourselves with love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of
Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let
the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and
admonish one another in all wisdom; and with
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and
spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in
word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
him.

Gospel Reading (Luke 2:41-52)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for
the festival of the Passover. And when he was
twelve years old, they went up as usual for the
festival. When the festival was ended and they
started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in
Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.
Assuming that he was in the group of travellers,
they went a day's journey. Then they started to
look for him among their relatives and friends.
When they did not find him, they returned to

Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows. Fr Peter Rabin, Lynn Williamson, Ms Rebecca Quansah, Dr Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng.

Among the departed: Calum Naylor, Gladys Mevo, Ann Douglas

Anniversaries of Death: William Henry Bailey, Lewis Eustace Ford (Pr), Johnny Field, James Drane, Harriet Mann, Constance Yates, Anne Drane, Maurice Berkeley, Michael Foley, George Thomas Woolf

In the Parish: We pray for those working in retail and distribution at this busy time of year.

In the wider world: We Pray for all those with influence and authority in Syria to bring an end to the civil war, a just peace, reconciliation and rebuilding.

Notices

No Open Church or Midweek Mass this week

Next Sunday

The Epiphany of Our Lord

10.30am Sung Mass

Helpers needed after Mass!

Can you help out after Sunday Mass? There's plenty to do clearing up and putting things away once refreshments are finished. If you can please speak to Elaine or Father David.

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

