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THE HOLY FAMILY

Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.

First Reading: Si 3:2-6.12-14
Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5
Second Reading: Col 3:12-17
Gospel: Mt 2:13-15.19-23



THE HOLY FAMILY: When we think of the Holy Family we tend to think just of Our Lady, St Joseph and the child Jesus. Yet the Gospel account of the Finding of Jesus in the Temple reminds us that once they were back in Nazareth Our Lord grew up in the context of a large extended family. Several times during his adult life the Gospels refer to various cousins and other relatives who were concerned about the course his life was taking. We do not know anything about how close Jesus was to his relatives nor whether his grandparents were around as he grew up. When the Church invites us to reflect on the Holy Family as a model for family life she recognises that every family is different and yet each one can learn from how we see Our Lady, St Joseph and Jesus treat each other and live out their daily lives as observant Jews. Here is a thought that Pope Francis shared at morning Mass on Tuesday 19th November: “There was a father, mother and their many children, and a grandfather lived with them. He was quite old, and when he was at table eating soup, he would get everything dirty: his mouth, the serviette ... it was not a pretty sight! One day the father said that, given what was happening to the grandfather, from that day forward he would eat alone. And so he bought a little table, and placed it in the kitchen. And so the grandfather ate alone in the kitchen while the family ate in the dining room. After some days, the father returned home from work and found one of his children playing with wood. He asked him: ‘What are you doing?’ to which the child replied: ‘I am playing carpenter’. ‘And what are you building?’ the father asked. ‘A table for you, papa, for when you get old like grandpa’. This story has stayed with me for a lifetime and done me great good”, Pope Francis said. “Grandparents are a treasure”. It serves as a reminder that parents have as much to learn from their children as children from their parents!

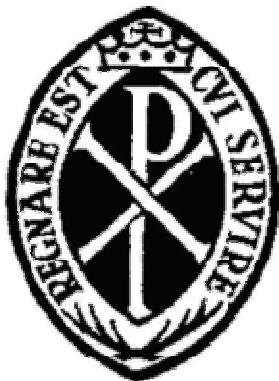
ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **John Barrett, Leonard Chamberlain, Michael Vickers, Ted Godden, Kate Warner, Alexandra Hutley, John Moffet, Ronald Barnes, Doreen Rooney, Joseph Martin, Mary Shah, Hilary Rowley and David Bartlett** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

THANK YOU! Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to our Christmas Liturgy, whether as servers, musicians or readers, or behind the scenes organising, cleaning and adorning our Churches. Many thanks also for your many personal gifts and cards and generous Christmas offerings. For most priests the Christmas and Easter offerings provide a significant proportion of their annual income.

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. For those of you with older daily missals (pre-1955) the Mass texts will be those of 1st January rather than the Octave of the Holy Innocents.

THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: The Feast of St Stephen falls on 26th December and this Sunday several new members of the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers will be enrolled during the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Several long serving members will also receive a silver medal as acknowledgement of their dedication. During the ceremony the server makes a solemn promise “*I offer myself to God almighty, to blessed Mary, our Mother and to our holy patron, Saint Stephen. And I promise to do my best to serve regularly with reverence and understanding, for the glory of God, the service of his Church, and my own eternal salvation*”, and is presented with the Guild Medal, which is made of bronze and is worn around the neck, hanging from a red cord. In the



centre the letters XP are the first two letters of the name 'Christ' in Greek. At the top is the crown of victory given by God to everyone who overcomes evil, especially those who die for him. At the bottom are the palm branches, traditional signs of martyrs who died for Christ. Around the edge are the Latin words of the Guild motto: CVI SERVIRE REGNARE EST. TO SERVE CHRIST IS TO REIGN. On the back around the edge are the Latin words SANCTI STEPHANI ARCHI SODALITAS which means ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST STEPHEN.

FINANCE: Offertory collections for **Sunday 22nd December - £1,278.65.**

TUESDAY ADORATION & THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP AT KELVEDON: Will resume again in January.

ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR SEMINARY MARK CROSS: The junior seminary at Mark Cross, that served the Archdiocese of Southwark and the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton and Brentwood, closed in the 1970s. A small group of former 'Mark Cross boys' are organising the first ever re-union of seminarists who studied there. Some were ordained, some were not. All are invited to the Amigo Hall, Southwark SE London on Wednesday 19th March, the Feast of St Joseph. Canon John O'Toole, Dean of Southwark cathedral, and the organising committee, would like to hear from any former student, even if they are unable to attend. Please email: jotoole@stgeorges.org.uk or seanjduenne@yahoo.co.uk

EASYFUNDRAISING: If you would like to be part of this fund raising venture then register www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryimmaculatetheholychangels For more details on how to register and start raising funds either pick up a leaflet from the back of the church as you leave or contact your **Parish Easyfundraising Facilitator, Agness O'Brien** on **01376 573694** or email agnessobrien@hotmail.com

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1 (from Thursday)

SUNDAY 29th December <i>The Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie McPherson (anniversary) All Parishioners John Barrett (anniversary)
MONDAY 30th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY <i>St Sylvester</i> 31st December	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 1st January <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	All Parishioners
THURSDAY 2nd January <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 3rd January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Peter Eary RIP
SATURDAY 4th January	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Roma Royal RIP <i>Tridentine</i> : Private Intention
SUNDAY 5th January <i>Epiphany</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary) All Parishioners David Bartlett (anniversary)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Saturday Kelvedon 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.***

Liturgical Rotas 5th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Claire Gallant	Sean O'Leary	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Pat Richardson	Giovanna Austin	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Sue Petchey