

TODAY - 27th DECEMBER 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH



The Feast of the Holy Family: We are reminded today that a holy family will be a happy one because everything is based on God's will of love a love that shows itself in patience, forgiveness and sincere gratitude. The spirit of such a family will be the Spirit of God who brings peace. *In celebration of the sacred place of family as the essential foundation of society. There will be a blessing for families and children at the 10.30am Mass today.*

FRIDAY JANUARY 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
WORLD DAY FOR PEACE



Because she accepted her vocation Mary became the mother of Jesus, God made man. We become the adopted children of God by accepting the gift of his Spirit as Mary did.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - MASS FOR PEACE
FRIDAY - JANUARY 1st - 10.30 A.M.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to begin this New Year by placing their lives and work under the loving care of the Father. On this coming New Year's Day we wish all our parishioners a very happy New Year.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR 2016

Let us pray for God's blessing on our family. Blessed are you, Lord our God, giver of life; give your strength and wisdom to the father of our family. Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, bearer of love; give your compassion and understanding to the mother of our family. Blessed are you, Son of God, eternal wisdom; give your knowledge and truth to the children of our family. Blessed are you, Holy Trinity, eternal and almighty; shadow with your protecting wings the absent or departed members of our family. Amen.

FR FLANAGAN PRAYER GROUP The JANUARY 2016 MEETING of FR. FLANAGAN will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12th January, at the **earlier** time of 7.00 p.m. New members always welcome.

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: KATHLEEN ROBINSON, Tracey Ave. and BREEDGE FARRELL, Lyndale & formerly Alma Terrace, Finisklin. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved families and friends.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 28th - WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER

MASSSES - 10: 30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31st - Mass 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30 p.m.

Bishop Kevin will celebrate a Special New Year's Eve Mass at 11.30 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY FRIDAY JANUARY 1st

MASS FOR PEACE 10.30 a.m. & FIRST FRIDAY MASS 7.00p.m.

With CONFESSIONS before all Masses

SATURDAY JANUARY 2nd 2016

MASS- 10.30 a.m. & Vigil 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - 2.00pm - 4.00 p.m.

SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd

MASSSES – Vigil (Sat.) 7.30 pm; 8.30 am; 10.30 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

MONDAY JANUARY 4th Mass 10.30am

TUESDAY JANUARY 5th

Masses: 10.30am & VIGIL Mass 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6th - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Masses: 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm



Come and pray with us at our Christmas Crib.

Let God love you in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem.

There are no conditions. There are no interviews to get through, no exams to pass, no points to notch up. Come as you are, without masks, without pretence. There is no need for that when approaching a baby. There is room for everyone around the crib.

Friends, enemies, rich, poor, sinners, saints; no one who approaches with sincerity is turned away. There we begin to understand that He is the Gift and the Giver.

As St. John says: **"From His fullness we have all received."**

Father, as we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Saviour, may we come to appreciate more deeply the meaning of what is being offered to us. May we too share in the joy of the Angels who gave Glory to God in the highest and sang of peace to the people on earth.

BLESSING OF THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRIB

Heavenly Father, as we wonder and hesitate to believe, like the shepherds at Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy, as we recognise in this helpless babe the revelation of your love, a new and radiant vision of your glory. Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's new-born child may we now offer Him our praise, worship and thanksgiving and give Him the love and loyalty of our hearts.

Amen.

Dates to remember

8.00 a.m. DAILY MASS Please note that the 8.00am morning Mass will resume on Wednesday, 6th January. Thank you.

The annual **GOAL MILE** takes place on Monday 28th December at IT Sligo Athletics Track from 12noon-1pm. Please come along to run, walk or jog and support this very worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

Pledges suggested for Catholics as we enter the year 2016. Perhaps visit someone who is sick, lonely or in prison. Advocate for public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation and build peace. Consider taking the Pioneer Pledge in the New Year. Please discuss with your family and friends the above suggestions for inclusion in your Personal Pledge.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Mon 28 The Holy Innocents, martyrs; Tues 29 St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr; Thurs 31 St. Sylvester, Pope; Fri 1 Mary, Mother of God; Sat 2 SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and Doctors of the Church; Sun 3 St Munchin, bishop.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT 3rd JANUARY First Reading: Eccles. (Sir) 24:1-2. 8-12; Second Reading: Eph. 1: 3-6. 15-18; Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-18.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MGRS PAUL TIGHE

Congratulations to Mgrs Paul Tighe on being made a Bishop. Last weekend Pope Francis announced that Mgr Paul Tighe is to be ordained a bishop and made Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture in the Roman Curia of the Vatican, Rome. Mgrs Paul spent time growing up in Sligo where he lived with his family in Rathedmond and attended Summerhill College.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Best wishes to Missionary Sisters of Charity on the announcement that their foundress Blessed Theresa of Calcutta is to be canonised.

SENIOR HELP LINE - A confidential listening service for older people for the price of a local call. LoCall 1850 440 444 10 am to 4pm & 7pm to 10 pm.

CURA Listens, Cares & Understands, providing free, confidential support to anyone thinking they might be pregnant and if the pregnancy is unexplained and a crisis. Cura also offers a counselling service to members of the family of loved ones who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy situation. Free phone Tel: 1850 622626. Please do not hesitate to make contact.

anniversary & remembrances

10:30 A.M. MONDAY DECEMBER 28th	1st Anniversary Ned Kilfeather 
10:30 A.M. TUESDAY DECEMBER 29th	Bridget Verdon
10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30th	Mary & Tommy McNiffe
10:30 A.M. THURSDAY DECEMBER 31st	Mae & Charlie Mulligan
10:30 A.M. FRIDAY JANUARY 1st	MASS OF PEACE
10:30 A.M. SATURDAY JANUARY 2nd	Michael Power