



St. Brendan's Marist Parish
Coolock Village, Dublin 5
 (Under the care of the Marist Fathers)



Sunday, 31st December 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm 104:1-6. 8-9

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-9

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

Parish Mission Statement

“St Brendan’s is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace.”

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Tuesday – Friday 9.00 am– 11.30 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil), Sunday: 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, & 6.30 pm

Reflection on today's readings

God calls us as family. We begin our life in family. We form families, either biological or in other ways. This basic relationship of the biological family with mother, father and children is given to us throughout our Scriptures and is the basic of civil society.

Today this relationship of family is being challenged on all sides and the divine rate is high and many people spend their life in multiple relationships without ever marrying. Our civil society is losing entirely the meaning of family as we find it in Sacred Scripture. We must not be distracted! Instead, we are challenged to continue to encourage the basic reality of a family with mother, father and children. We are invited to encourage marriage between a man and a woman—but always as a sacrament, a sacred bond lived out in Jesus Christ and in His Church.

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and gives us an insight into the life of Abraham. Abraham left his own country to follow the Lord. The Lord promised him descendants so many that they would be equal to the number of the stars. Abraham and Sarah get old without ever having a child. Abraham still trusts in God but wonders how God might bring about the fulfilment of His promise. Finally Isaac is born—after it was really impossible—and then Abraham is asked to sacrifice him.

The second reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews and again emphasises the faith of Abraham and the challenge to remain faithful when everything else looks crazy! We are invited to cling to the Lord and to trust in the Word of the Lord. This will mean that, like Abraham, we will look crazy sometimes. Imagine the friends of Abraham over the many years when he kept saying that God would give him descendants! They must have given him a bad time! Or surely they thought of him as simply a crazy old man—perhaps a good man but still not living in reality and accepting that he and his wife would never have a child

The Gospel is from Saint Luke today and is about the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Here we have Mary and Joseph presenting their child and two old people in the temple, Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for salvation, were able to see in Jesus the fulfilment of the prophecies. Incredible.

So from the three readings today, we can commit ourselves to defending the scriptural understanding of family. We don't need to attack anyone, only live this mystery clearly in our own lives and speak clearly when asked. We can also commit ourselves to understanding Scripture so that, like Anna and Simeon, we won't miss the fulfilment of Scripture when it happens.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Did you get two fitness watches yesterday, three pairs of socks, four sets of perfumes and no gold rings? Or simply more than you need?

The staff at St. Mary's Pro Cathedral in Dublin will take in your unwanted Christmas gifts and will pass them to Crosscare who will redistribute them this time next year to people living in their homeless services. Hundreds of people living in Crosscare's homeless and emergency accommodation received gifts that were donated to the Pro after Christmas Day 2016.

Crosscare homeless services range from emergency accommodation to short-term housing to medium and long term support services. Earlier this year, Crosscare opened a new family hub facility in Drumcondra. The building was made available by the Archdiocese of Dublin to Dublin City Council to help alleviate the problem of families living in hotel accommodation.

Pro Cathedral and Crosscare staff will spend all this week collecting any unwanted gifts left at the Pro – they will put them in storage for the next 12 months and give them out to people who are in their homeless services this time next year

People have been particularly generous to Crosscare this Christmas – a Parish Food Appeal launched by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the start of December saw thousands of food items donated in just one weekend. Crosscare manager Michael McDonagh said that by the end of last week they had distributed 10,000 food hampers to families in need of help.

Unwanted Christmas presents can be brought to the crib in the Cathedral until the end of next week.

**Sunday 31st: The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

6.30pm	Anne Burgess	A
vigil	Gerard & Frances Powell	A
	Seán Sammon	RD
	John Crean	A
	Billy O'Meara	A
9.30am	Thomas & William Abbott	A
	Anna Galligan	RD
11am	Lil Lynch	A
12.30pm	Brigid Mulhall	MM
	Margaret Kelly	MM
	Michael Casey	MM
	Bernard Mullen	A

6.30pm No Mass

Monday, 1st Jan:

Mary the Holy Mother of God

8.00	No Mass	
10.00	Jack O'Reilly	RD
	Michael Colgan	A
	Special Intention	

Tuesday, 2nd Jan:

**Ss Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops &
doctors of the Church**

8am	Johan Schoenmakers	RD
	Special Intention	
10am	Kath Foley	RD
	May O'Hagan	RD
	Olive Rossiter	RD

Wednesday, 3rd January:

8am	John Beirne	RD
	Special Intention	
10am	Special Intention	

Thursday, 4th January:

8am	Mary Heslin	RD
10am	Maureen Whelan	RD

Friday, 5th January:

8am	Austin Kidd	RD
10am	Siobhan Moran	RD
6.30 vigil	Jack O'Reilly	RD

**Saturday, 6th: The Epiphany of
the Lord**

10am	Patsy Campbell	RD
1.10pm	The people of the Parish	

**Sunday 7th January:
The Baptism of the Lord**

6.30pm	William & Dinah Lockhart	A
vigil	Mary O'Rourke	A
9.30am	Thomas & Annie Hanlon	A
11am	Kathleen Whelan	A
	Patrick Fitzsimons	A
	Paddy Hennessy	A
	Carmel Hughes	A
	Michael Murphy	A
12.30pm	Pauline Comiskey	RD
	Kay Whelan	A
	Deceased Members of the Mullen and Hobbs Families	
	Kathleen Dunne	A
	Shay & Patrick Thornton	A
6.30pm	Holy Souls	

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 11am

Now that Christmas is over we wish to congratulate the Children's Choir on the marvellous contribution they made to the Family Mass on Christmas Morning and indeed throughout the year.

If you know of any young people or have children or grand-children who would participate we would be very glad to welcome them as either readers or choir members, so please encourage them to join us.

The involvement of young ones enriches our celebration of the Family Mass and we would appreciate the interest and help of both parents and children.

Contact ÁINE on 087 797 9526

**The Extraordinary Minister
of the Eucharist Rota for the
month of January, 2018 is now
available on the shelf just
outside the Sacristy door.**

**Help your Elderly Neighbours
At this cold time of the year**

If you're visiting an elderly neighbour and their house feels cold, make sure that they have a blanket or rug they can use to keep warm if they are frightened of using too much fuel.

You could also ask if they have enough milk, bread and supplies to last them.

Check if they are taking their medication.

**Official Family Prayer for
World Meeting of Families 2018**

God our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in your Son,
One family, in Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and
generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and
peace.
Protect all families with your loving care.
Especially those for whom we now pray
Pause to remember family members and
others.
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love.
Make us always grateful for the gift of life
that we may share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and

Zelie Martin, pray for us.

Family New Year's Resolution

New Year's resolutions are part of the popular culture here in Ireland and we invite families to consider making New Year's resolutions as a family, on this the Feast of the Holy Family and display it in your home.

Resolutions cards/sheets are available at the entrance/exit to the Church.

**Saturday, 6th January is the Feast
of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day.**

Masses as follows

Vigil Mass Friday night 6.30pm

**Saturday 10.00 am,
and 1.10pm**

Thursday Club

"Tea and a Chat"

resumes on Thursday

4th January 2018

Happy New Year

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Departs: 27th May, 2018

Returns: 1st June 2018 (5 nights)

Cost: €725 per person sharing

Single room supplement

€31 per night

Staying at the **Hotel Roissy** which is very close to the Grotto.

Those who wish to travel please call to the office for Booking Form.

**If you wish to pay by instalments
we are willing to facilitate you by
taking payments as it suits you.**

Booking & deposit of **€200** per person at time of booking.

Final payment by 1st April, 2018.

To Book contact Parish office

Tuesday to Friday

9am to 11.30am

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