**Sunday 27th December 2015**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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Hymns: ***The Celebration Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Missa de Angelis*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *810* Offertory Hymn: *794*

Communion Hymns: *66*  Recessional Hymn: *630*

Voluntary: *Noel Suisse - D'aquin.*

**OUR INTENTIONS TODAY.**Those in need: Tony Allen, Sarah Alderson, Jean Chapman, Pat Davis, Peter Davis, Peter George, Herbert Hinton, Phyllis Hinton, Maurice Houghton, Grace John, Kate Morl, Diana Sanni, Elizabeth Sayer, Sheena Sixsmith, Margaret Summers, Sophie Thomas, Fr Christopher Walker, Ann Westgarth and Nesta Williams.

The departed: Gertrude Codrick, Edith Dearing, Mary Flett, Violet Goodenough, Robert Hennecy-Law (Priest), Phillip Miller (Priest), Helen Shaw, Robert Skinner, Violet Stemp, Bertha Stephenson, Ada Wibberley, Frances Wibberley and Amy Wickremeratne.



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**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekday Readings: Year 2.**

**The Holy Family**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

S Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

Sixth day in Christmas Octave.

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Seventh day in Christmas Octave.

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12.00 Low Mass

**Mary Mother of God**

**11.30 Mattins**

**12.00 Low Mass**

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**10.00 Mattins**

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**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

28 December

Tuesday

29 December

Wednesday

30 December

Thursday

31 December

**Friday**

**01 January**

Saturday

02 January

**Sunday**

**03 January**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family,

graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (1 Samuel 1: 20-22; 24-28)

*A reading from the first book of Samuel.*

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." There she left him, for the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** (Psalm 83)

**Response:** ***They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.***

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

**THE SECOND** LESSON (1 John 3: 1-2; 21-24)

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

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 welove 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.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Luke 2: 41-52)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

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.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father,

to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***