



**St Catherine of Siena**

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### **Feast of the Holy Family**

**Reflection:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-advent-cycle-c-sunday-connection>

**Please Pray for the Sick:** P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry and Pat Hillman.

**Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.**

Sat	29/12	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	<i>No Intention</i>
Sun	30/12	11 am	Feast of the Holy Family	<i>No Intention</i>
Mon	31/12	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Commemoration of St. Sylvester	<i>No Intention</i>
Tue	1/1	<b>11 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God	<i>No Intention</i>
Wed	2/1	11 am	Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen	<i>No Intention</i>
Thurs	3/1	6 pm	Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus	<i>No Intention</i>
Fri	4/1	11 am	First Friday	<i>No Intention</i>
Sat	5/1	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	<i>No Intention</i>
Sun	6/1	11 am	Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord	<i>No Intention</i>

### **New Year Masses**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 5:30 pm - New Year's Eve mass

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 11:00 am - New Year Mass

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### **Office hours**

9.30 -3.30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please telephone or email the office to arrange an appointment as the administrator may be working off site.

### **Confessions and Rosary for the Month of January**

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 am.

Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm.

### **Music Director**

Can you play a musical instrument?

Do you enjoy singing?

Would you like the opportunity to become involved with the music for Mass?

We are looking for new people to volunteer their talents.

Please contact the office a.s.a.p. - [stcatsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcatsiena@gmail.com).

### **Church Cleaners**

More volunteers are needed to help to clean the church inside and outside. The more volunteers we have, the less work for the individuals involved.

You can help on any day except Monday!

Please contact the office for more information.

### **Baptism preparation course**

The next course will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 and 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2019; at 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please complete and return a baptism preparation form available on the notice board in the church.

### **Saturday and Sunday Weekly Collections**

Collection Date	Cash	Envelopes	Total
01/02/Dec/2018	£ 308.23	£ 40.00	£ 348.21
08/09/Dec/2018	£ 219.52	£ 53.00	£ 272.52
15/16/Dec/2018	£ 262.07	£ 38.00	£ 300.07

### **Church Repairs and Conference Centre**

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£32,500
Conference Centre	£14,000
Total	£46,500 + VAT

**Thank you all for all your contributions. Fundraising ideas are welcomed**

### **Standing Order Forms**

The standing order forms are now ready and available, Please contact David on 07745610615 for more information.

### **Church Fund Raising**

Thank you to Everyone who contributed to our sale and raffle, So far we raised **£621.00**.

# Happy New Year!!