

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)**  
**Gen 115: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Ps 104; Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40**

<p><b>Sat. 26th December 2020</b>                  (St. Stephen, the First Martyr)  <b>5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions</b>                  6:30pm: John and Teresa Lynch                  RIP FM</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27th December 2020</b>                  8:30am: Eva Austin RIP (Coward)  <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy                  of the Word on ZOOM</b>                  10:30am: People of Parish (ZOOM)</p>
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<p><b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>  <b>Mon. 28th December 2020</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Open for Prayer                  9:15am: Deceased members of                  McKie and Coligan Families</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas of Canterbury,                  Bishop and Martyr</b>  <b>Tues. 29th December 2020</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Open for Prayer                  9:15am: Krystyna Helena Laszcz                  RIP FM</p>
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<p><b>Sixth Day within the Octave of                  the Nativity of the Lord</b>  <b>Weds. 30th December 2020</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Open for Prayer                  9:15am: Special Intention (JR)                  11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>	<p><b>Seventh Day within the Octave                  of the Nativity of the Lord</b>  <b>Thurs. 31st December 2020</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Open for Prayer                  9:15am: Holy Souls (Murrell)</p>
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<p><b>First Friday</b>  <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>  <b>Friday 1st January 2021</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Exposition of the                  Blessed Sacrament                  9:15am: Kay Gillespie RIP</p>	<p><b>First Saturday</b>  <b>Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory                  Nazianzen, Bishops and                  Doctors of the Church</b>  <b>Saturday 2nd January 2021</b>  <b>First Saturday Devotions</b>                  08:00-9:00am: Open for Prayer                  11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>
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**The Second Sunday after The Nativity (B)**  
**Ecclus 24: 1-2, 8-12; Ps 147; Eph 1: 3-6, 15-18; John 1: 1-18**

<p><b>Saturday 2nd January 2021</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions</b>                  6:30pm: Moira Sharp RIP FM</p>	<p><b>Sunday 3rd January 2021</b>                  8:30am: People of the Parish  <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy                  of the Word on ZOOM</b>                  10:30am: Gjonis Family (ZOOM)</p>
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**Anniversaries of Death**

Ivy Haley, Thomas Carragher, Francis Fisher, Jim Cassidy, Krystyna Helena Laszcz, Joan Brooks, Hugh Brennan, William Malcolm, Paul Walker, Elvire Caborn, Arthur Whitfield, Bryan Keenan, Lily Watts, Sarah Walsh, Johnny Walsh, David Daly, Joan Stapleton, Francis Waugh, James J. Johnson

**Christ in the human family**

God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.



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**Welcome - Worship - Witness**

**WELCOME BACK - AGAIN!!!**  
**WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH AND  
 HOLY MASS - PLEASE WEAR  
 FACE COVERINGS / MASKS.**  
**We are limited to  
 accommodate  
 44 "Bubbles"**  
**within the present  
 guidelines, social distancing  
 and hand sanitizing.**  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN**  
**Daily: 7:30/8:00am**  
**before 9:15am Holy Mass.**

**N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
 OF THE WORD ON ZOOM  
 AT THE NEW TIME OF  
 \*\*09:40-10:10AM\*\*  
 FOR ZOOM CODES PLEASE  
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 Vanessa Barker

**CONFESSIONS MAY BE  
 HEARD - IN THE CHILDREN'S  
 LITURGY ROOM - WHENEVER  
 THE CHURCH IS OPEN AND  
 BY APPOINTMENT, ON REQUEST.  
 PLEASE 'PHONE OR EMAIL  
 TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.**

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**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE /Reconciliation / Mercy / Forgiveness /Pardon and Peace: CONFESSION:**  
**Fr David is available for this healing Sacrament, to help us all become Holy and Saints, - on request - before and after the Holy Masses.**

#### CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be collected and shared between: -

- ◆ **THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S SOUTHWARK CRISIS FUND** which provides immediate support to those children and families in the Diocese who are most in need.
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

**Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

#### Christmas Offerings

Christmas offerings are by custom given for the support of Priests in parish ministries. Together with the Easter offering, it forms the main source of income of parish clergy in the Diocese who do not receive a wage throughout the year. For this Christmas, any money offerings from the 25th December 2020 to the 6th January 2021 will also be added to the Christmas offering.

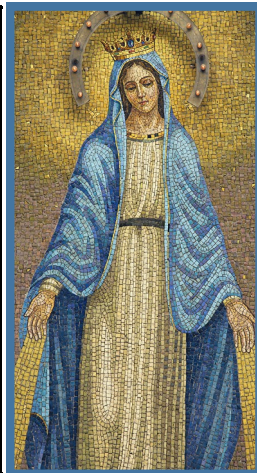
#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERINGS:19TH/20TH DECEMBER 2020

**Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £154.00 + Loose Plate: £75.00**

Bexley Deanery: £3.50; Apostleship of the Sea: £5.00: **60 people attending**  
Thank you for your generosity and your financial support, **Fr. David**

#### The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: 1st January 2020

As a mother, Mary was the great giver who formed Christ and made him fully human. She will form us and bring us close to her Son, if, in the coming year, we put ourselves under her protection. Even our sorrows and sacrifices will be turned into joys and gladness beyond our imagining. There is surely no better way of starting the year than celebrating the day that Mary became the Mother of God. Mary is also seen as the model of the Church. In all of her actions she exemplifies the mission of the Church. She agreed to God's will to give birth to Jesus and supported and displayed her faith in her son throughout His ministry. She was with Him at every stage of His work on Earth and fully supported and followed His teachings.



#### Please pray for the members of our Parish family who are sick:

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummatt, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis and **all in self-isolation or quarantine, or affected by Covid-19.**

**For a New Year's Resolution** please consider helping to save Souls and to save the world by praying especially on the **First Fridays of Nine Consecutive Months making Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary:**

**First Saturday Devotion to The Immaculate Heart of Mary** here at **St. Mary's** takes place every First Saturday morning with Exposition at 8.15am followed by Mass at 9.15am.

Also, please pray, all or part of, **The Rosary every day** for the Salvation of Souls of Sinners and to Save the World.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of:*  
**OLANWAREWAJU OJEJIHI, 27, the Son of SOLOMON OJOMINA,**  
*who died in November:*

*and*  
**DAVID HULL, the husband of VALERIE HULL, who died on the 21st December:**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace. May their souls, and the souls**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**Please make an appointment to see Fr David in person** - if at St Joseph's School this can be done before or after **9:15am Holy Mass Monday to Friday**, or, at another mutually convenient time.  
**Please bring the Child's Baptismal Certificate with you.**  
**Thank you.**

**Thank You to All** who before the COVID-19 Crisis took part in Arranging the Flowers and Cleaning the Church; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Servers and Sacristans, Tea and Coffee Makers, St. Paulinus' Bell Ringers, Social Club Members, Workers and Committee, and even now: Singers and Musicians, Collectors and Counters, Decorating the Church, Setting up the Crib, Catechists and the Children's Liturgy of the Word, Food Bank Provisions Providers, Caretakers, Care-Givers, and most especially the Stewards who have helped us to re-open during this extraordinary year! Thank you all very much for your kind generosity with your Time, Talents and Treasures. Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year **Father David.**

#### **Prayer to St. Joseph from Pope Francis**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

