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THE NEWSLETTER

Holy Family (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 27 th	5.30pm St P's	Joan Preston L	The vigil of the Holy Family
Su 28 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	The feast of the Holy Family
	11.00am St P's	Mary Moss RIP	
Mo 29 th	No Mass		St Thomas Becket BM
Tu 30 th	8.00am St P's	Michael Clowes L	Sixth day of the Christmas Octave
Wed 31 st	8.00am St P's	Mary Clowes (for health)	Seventh day of the Christmas Octave
Th1 st Jan 26	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Mary the Mother of God
Fr 2 nd	8.00am St P's	Sam Smith A	St Basil & St Gregory BB DD

(Each Saturday during term time there are confessions and a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope

P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass

D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time: Joseph Holden, May Holden, Richard Henry Bolton, Bernard Edward Snape, Ann Isherwood, Anne Ayrton, Peter James Cloney, Clare Rawcliffe, Sam Smith, Francis Nutter and Fr Freddy Turner SJ. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	Holy Family (Year A)	2 nd Sunday of the Nativity
First	Sirach 3; 2 – 6, 12 – 14	Sirach 24; 1 – 2, 8 – 12
Second	Col 3; 12 – 21	Eph 1; 3 – 6, 15 – 18
Gospel	Matt 2; 13 – 15, 19 – 23	John 1; 1 – 18

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

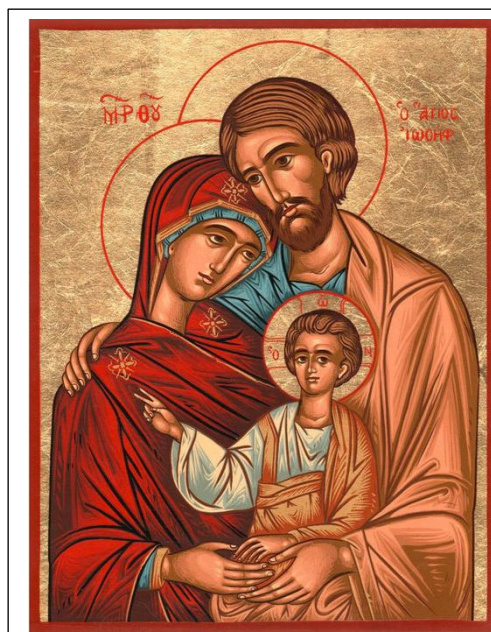
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



The Holy Family

Today

Is the feast of the Holy Family. In the gospel Joseph has to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to escape the wrath of Herod.

Crib Offerings

This year will go to the *Friends of The Holy Land*, who will use the money to support Christians in this war-torn part of the world.

Christmas Extra

Please take a copy from the back of the church. Enjoy the jokes!

Thankyous

Many thankyous to those who made our celebration of Christmas so special this year and to those who work hard all year round doing work for the parish.

More Thankyous

Fr Tim would like to thank all of those who sent cards. He wishes you all a sacred New Year.

Foodbank

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to the food bank. Your donations have made a real difference to many people, enabling them to celebrate Christmas.

New Years Day

Mass will be in St Joseph's at 9.30am. We can pray in thanksgiving for the year just concluded as well as praying for blessings for the year to come.

Weddings this week

Please pray for two couples who will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage in our church soon: Josh Worthington and Lauren Jones and also for Liam Kirby and Stephanie Duxbury. We wish them every happiness.

Winter Faith retreat

Takes place in the college over next weekend.

Next Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday after Christmas. The gospel is the first chapter of St John's Gospel – in the beginning was the light.

St Carlo Acutis relics

Are coming to the diocese in January. They will be at St Mary's Church, Burnley on 28th and 29th January 2026. School visits will be organised during the daytime and parishioners can visit in the evenings.

The feast of the 1st January

Even in my short lifetime this has had many titles. When I was a boy, we celebrated the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord. Then it changed to the feast of the Naming of Jesus. Both of these took place 8 days after Jesus was born. Now we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Of course, many people come to Mass on the 1st January to thank God for the blessings of the last year and to pray for God's help in the year that is just beginning.

We find that the two are linked. As Christians we count our blessings from God as coming through Jesus Christ, the one the Father sent to save us from our sins. But our salvation was only possible because a young girl accepted the invitation from the angel to be the mother of the Saviour of the World. So, on 1st January we can direct our petitions for a grace filled New Year through the intercession of Mary. She faced the challenges of bringing Jesus into the world because of her faith in God. We ask a similar faith to confront the surprises God may have in store for us during 2026. A happy new year, everyone.

New Mass times

Sat	27 th Dec	4.30pm Confessions available 5.30pm Mass (Holy Family)
Sun	28 th Dec	9.30am Mass in St Joseph's (Holy Family) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Holy Family)
Thu	1 st Jan	9.30am New Year's Day Mass in St Joseph's

A happy New Year to all of
our readers.
May the Lord unfold to you
his plentiful love.