

# ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WARMINSTER



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## Mass times for the week of 30th December 2018

29th	Saturday	Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
30th	Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8.00am 10.00am	Kathleen Queenan RIP
31st	Monday	No Mass		
1st	Tuesday	Mary, Mother of God	<b>10.00am</b>	
2nd	Wednesday	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	9.30am	Michael Simmonds RIP
3rd	Thursday	Holy Name of Jesus	10.00am	
4th	Friday	Weekday of Christmas	12.00pm	
5th	Saturday	No Morning Mass Vigil of Epiphany	6.00pm	

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm

**Offertory 23rd December:** £442.65

**Sick and Housebound:** Please pray for: Lyndall Barbour, Lizzie Dickinson,, Pat Wilson, Petrella Pope, Gladys Coleman, Charles & Dorothea Sultana de Maria, Joy Trant-McCarthy, James Orde, Jim & Gloria O'Hanlon, Francoise Moody, Graham & Christine Zebedee, Cuqui Chambers, Lorna Platt, Mac Ballard, Geoffrey Fitton, Edna Bodman.

**Parish Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday after 9.30 am Mass in the Hall.

**Sheshinah:** meets on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group:** Because of Christmas and New Year falling on a Tuesday there will not be another meeting until Tuesday 8th January.

**Year of Prayer** 'Today's Gospel passage invites families to welcome the light of hope that comes from the home of Nazareth, in which Jesus' childhood unfolded in joy. Jesus, says St Luke, "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man" (2:52). The nuclear family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is for each believer and especially for families an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire the fulfilment of the divine plan to make of the family a special community of life and love. Here we learn that every Christian nuclear family is called to be a "domestic church", to make the Gospel virtues shine and become a leaven of good in society. The classic traits of the Holy Family are: reflection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity.' (Pope Francis Feast of the Holy family 2015)

**Liturgy Course:** To accompany and complement our Diocesan Year of Prayer, the Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

**Rice Challenge:** "Thank you for your generosity last weekend; enough money was donated to buy 122kg of rice. 90kg was delivered to Borderlands last week and the remainin32 will be delivered after Christmas for those in need over the New Year.

**Crib Offerings:** Any monies donated in the basket by the Crib will be passed on to Clifton Children's Society.

**CHRISTMAS:** We come to crib and kneel before the image of the infant Jesus. The word infant means literally 'without speech'. God speaks his word to us silently. Before Jesus says a single word he silently reveals to us the face of God and in the infant Jesus we see that God is humble and gentle. That continues to be the way God speaks his word to us. The Lord silently gives himself on the Cross and in the Eucharist. As we sing in the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem: 'How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in'.