



<b>FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY</b>  <b>31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023</b>	<b>THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH NEWSLETTER</b>  <i>The Parish is served by Fr Tom O'Neill</i> <i>The Avenue, Linthorpe Middlesbrough TS5 6SB.</i> <i>Tel: 01642 356654</i> <i>email: tomoneill1@virginmedia.com.</i> <i>Parish Website: holynamenameofmary.co.uk</i> <i>Facebook: Holy name of Mary Parish, Middlesbrough</i>	 Last week's collection: £800  Many thanks
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	<b>Masses and intentions this week</b>	
<b>READINGS: Eccl.3:2-6; 12-14; Ps 127; Cpl 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40</b>		
Saturday 30th December	6.30pm	John Rymer
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	People of the Parish; Special Intention
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	9.15am	Special Intention
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	12.15pm	Joan's Requiem Mass
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	Joyce and Jack Crosby
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Jadwiga's Requiem Mass
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm	Dorothy, Albert and Lynda Massey

**We remember those who have died recently:** Joan Harkin; Jadwiga Jasinek; Kathleen McGloin (Ann McGeever's sister) and Audrey Smith.

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maureen Payne

**We pray also for those who are sick and housebound:** Mary Holmes; Andrew McCabe, Carol Stephenson, Patrick Baird, Pat Hughes, Stephen Armstrong and Frank O'Brien

**Joan's Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 12.15pm and Jadwiga's Requiem Mass will be held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, at 9.30am**

**Ministers of the Word:**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: Paul and Mary

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Ann McG and Jean R

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December: Philip B and Another

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Paul H and Paul R

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December: John, and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December: Peter

**Gentle Reader**

***I wish each and every one of you and your families a very blessed year in 2024 – a year that will bring you good health and many happy days. Keep safe and smiling – SAS. Father Tom***

## Communion – Mission – Participation



### **When wailing sirens cease, a voice cries out from Bethlehem - Hear Angels Cry**

Setting aside the traditional festive decorations and Christmas tree lighting, the Bethlehem Municipality has chosen to cancel Christmas festivities due to thousands killed and instead pray for peace. Amidst the rubble and ruins, a poignant voice rises to declare that the light of hope will persist in the small West Bank town where the Christmas story unfolded.

Youstina Safar, who lives in Bethlehem and is a student at Bethlehem University, has collaborated with the London-based band *Ooberfuse* - to deliver a powerful message through a Christmas song: 'Hear Angels Cry'. The song resonates with the belief that hope for a better future will be born in the hearts of humanity, remaining resilient in the face of aggression.

Watch on Youtube now: <https://bit.ly/418x6lF>

Stream on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/46JOQVo>

Buy on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3GuduPo>

Stream on Apple Music: <https://apple.co/46lk9jk>

### **PARISH INFORMATION**

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** The next meeting for the group is on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at the usual venue. Please include the group in your prayers. Thank you

**LITTLE POTS** donations this month are for **My sister's Place** (for the local refuge for those experiencing domestic violence).

**THE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** is looking for volunteers to help children put their faith into action. The aim is to support teachers who want to start an SVP Minnie Vinnies group in their school/parish. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least two mornings or afternoons per month) and who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). The next training day is on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February and so if interested please contact Sarah on: [youngvincentians@svp.org.uk](mailto:youngvincentians@svp.org.uk) for more information

Should any **Eucharistic Minister** have time to take Holy Communion on a regular basis to one of our parishioners, please contact Father Tom. Thank you.

**Please send any items for the Newsletter to [reflectionsholyname@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:reflectionsholyname@rcdmidd.org.uk) or contact Mary Payne on 01642 825950, by Wednesday morning. Thank you.**