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Scriptures for Sunday 29th December 2024, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph We are using the alternative readings for Year C.

1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28 This reading deals with the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.



Samuel Dedicated by Hannah at the Temple, Frank W.W. Topham, (1838 – 1924)

Jesus Found in the Temple, James Tissot (1836-1902)



1 John 3:1-2. 21-24 The second reading from John's first letter tell us that we are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Luke 2:41-52 The Gospel tells of the twelve-year-old Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We also have a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Parish Mass Book Pages 106 – 108 **Prayer of the Church** is proper to the season.

Please pray for all those who are unwell and for those who are bereaved.

Being Catholic Sunday 5th January at 3 pm

You are welcome to find out more about becoming Catholic, or deepening your faith if you are already Catholic.

Our Liturgies

Sunday 29th December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10 am Mass Margaret Teresa Boyle RIP

Monday 30th December, Liturgy of the day

10 am Mass Carole & Brian (MC)

Tuesday 31st December, Liturgy of the day

10 am Mass Valerie Parry RIP
& George Schinas RIP

Wednesday 1st January 2025,

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 2nd January Ss Basil & Gregory

Friday 3rd January

10 am Mass Daniel Rix RIP

Saturday 4th January

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

Sunday 5th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

10 am Mass Patricia Snelling RIP

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Local Mass times are published at:

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Recollection for Readers of the Word

25th January 12 noon – 4 pm

St Colman's, Cosham, hosts an afternoon of formation for readers at Mass. Discover the Church's teaching on liturgy, how to read and pray with the Bible, using Senses of Scripture and *Lectio Divina*, and practical aspects which will help you to prepare well. Please bring a Catholic Bible and a packed lunch with you. Please email to register your place: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Havant Pastoral Area Synod Saturday

22nd February St Joseph's Havant

10 am – 3.30 pm

As we work towards becoming one Parish everyone in our Pastoral Area is invited to hear developments and to listen and to pray. Lunch will be provided. (Will it be fish and chips?!) Details to follow.

Six holy habits

which make ideal New Year resolutions, by the way!

Keep Sunday special, a family day. Attend Mass, the source and summit of the Christian life, & support your parish.

Spend at least five minutes daily in prayer, whenever you find best, using Scriptures, such as that day's Gospel.

Keep Friday a day of penance in honour of the Lord's Passion, intentionally serving the poor and needy.

At least once a fortnight pay a private visit to church for a short period of prayer before the Tabernacle.

Go to Confession once a month or so, as a spiritual check-up; you can personally experience God's love and mercy.

Join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship; share with others your own faith-experience and, in turn, hear what God is doing in the lives of others.

The Jubilee Year Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus