

## Offertory Collections:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2012

Envelopes: £ 680.03

Loose: £ 348.67

Standing Orders £ 580.00

Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!!

## JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

## PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

## STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

# The Voice of Eden Grove



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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon	John Mazzone Intentions  Christou Family Intentions For the Parish Bishop Adrian Ddungo RIP (Anniv)
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Mr India RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>	For the Parish
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	9:15am Mass	John & Erica Conroy Intentions
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Christmas Feria or Most Holy name of Jesus	9:15am Mass	Philomena Luis RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Private Intentions
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> Christmas Feria	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment <b>6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am  10:15 am  12:00 Noon	Peter & Michael Ginty RIP (Anniv) Bridie & Eddie Gorman RIP & Michael Gray RIP (Anniv) Mary Krzemienlewski RIP (Anniv) Broadbent Family Intentions

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2012



### Searching for Jesus

In today's Gospel we get a glimpse of Jesus as a young boy as he disappears for three days while the family are on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Searching for a lost child for even 20 minutes is a most nerve wracking event for a parent. But to lose the Son of God for three days is something else. You might think that Jesus is even being disobedient to his parents in this story. We should remember that ancient writers often included a scene from the childhood of their hero in order to show the signs of great things to come. Jesus is eventually found sitting with the teachers in the Temple and is revealed as a very wise teacher.

While this Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of the young boy Jesus, it is also a reminder of our own helplessness to do anything but let God's dream be dreamed. Jesus knew this in a way that his parents could not fully grasp: 'Why have you done this to us?' Mary and Joseph experience the tension between the anxieties of our world and the need to listen and live centred on God.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we pray for families everywhere, for parents and children and ask God to be with them, to guide them and protect them.

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*'The attraction of the journey is stronger than the pull of all the picnics on the way.'*  
Margaret Silf

*We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.*

### **For the sick and the housebound:**

Dr. Ba Obeid, Florence McGrath, Christine Eisene, Jim Spencer, David Joseph, , Margaret Cooney, Nicola Jacques, Deignan Family, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Charlie Pattison, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Colman Connoly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Oladipo Cole, Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Mrs. E. Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, and **all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

### **Anniversaries:**

Bridie and Eddie Gorman, Peter & Michael Ginty, Bishop Adrian Ddungo, Michael Gray, Mary Krzemienlewski, Michael Costin,

### **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Dennis Madlangbayan, Julia Rodriguez Hernandez, Jo Scott, Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland,

*"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

### **MILLERS FUNERAL**

### **CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS**

Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

**BAPTISM:** To book a baptism for your child, please contact **Herman** at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's Birth Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist.

**MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Children's Session: "*Reconciliation II*". It starts with the **Mass at 10:15** and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm. **Please bring and collect your children on time!**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** Parent's Meeting. 7:30 8:30pm.

**Topic: "Reconciliation" Children: Lent**

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2013**

**Children age 14 or above (Year 9 or above) may now apply. Application forms are available after the Mass.**

### **You Can Help Your Marriage –**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the next programme beginning with a weekend on the 19<sup>th</sup> -21st April 2013, email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) OR call 07973380443 OR visit

### **QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK**

**Q. When Jesus was growing up in Nazareth did Mary and Joseph know that he was the Son of God?**

**A.** The revelation of the divinity of Jesus was not yet complete. Because of the virgin birth and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph certainly knew that Jesus was a very special person sent from God. Yet we read in the Gospel that they did not understand what the twelve year-old Jesus meant in saying that he must be busy about his Father's business. Mary and Joseph went forward in faith, accepting the mystery of what they did not fully understand. @Intercom

### **RCIA is underway...**

**Next meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.**

It is not too late to join this group of individuals who are considering a journey toward communion with the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) prepares the individual to receive the sacraments of the Church at Easter Vigil, thus, enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to find out more about this process, feel free to come to the above meeting with Herman or call Fr. Gideon at 0207 6073594 with any questions.

### **A DAY WITH MARY**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady & St Joseph, (Balls Pond Road).

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2012**

The Draw netted us £1,840. Thank you for all your support. Congratulations to the winners! The result of the draw is posted (names of winners and numbers) on the notice board in the porch.

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

From the Parish Priest

### **Dear Parishioners**

**I PRAISE GOD FOR ALL OF YOU:**  
Thank you to all who made this Christmas Season such a beautiful celebration for our parish community. The church looked beautiful as always. I have had many comments about it. The music was inspiring and reflective of this great feast.

There are always extra duties during the Christmas Season and it demands more of many people. There are always extra work to do and I am grateful to many of you who lent us a hand and make it a little easier for all of us. I am grateful to Jim and Marie for patiently fixing the lights and decorating the Christmas Trees, to our parish musicians and choir members for being committed and prayerful, a special thank you this year to the *Filipino group* who sang at the 'Simbang Gabi' Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> December (you are all welcome to join the *Sunday choirs, 10:15 or 12:00 noon, take your pick*), to lectors, extraordinary ministers (especially those who helped me distribute Holy Communion to the housebound), altar servers, cleaners, collectors etc.,

I am personally grateful to all who sent cards, gifts, letters, and words of encouragement. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. I am always inspired and impressed by the generosity of our parish.

As soon as we hear the words "The Holy Family," we say to ourselves, that can't be us. We are impatient or unkind, we let family members down. We fight and argue with each other. We do have one thing in common with Jesus, Mary and Joseph; we love each other. We may not be perfect in that love, but we try to love and help each other as best as we can. We look out for each other as best as we can. Joseph and Mary took care of each other and Jesus as best they could. Through all their struggles love is what united this family. It is what unites our family. I wish you a very happy and Holy 2013!

*Fr. Gideon*