

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 23rd December – Sunday 29th December 2019

**Monday 9:30am Requiem**  
Kathleen Doherty R.I.P

## *Nativity of the Lord*

**Tuesday 6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
**11:30am Carol Service**  
**12:00pm Midnight Mass**

**Wednesday 10:00am People of the Parish**

**Thursday 12:00noon Altar Servers Mass**

**Friday 10:00am Priest's Intention**

**Saturday 6:00pm People of the Parish**

**Sunday *The Holy Family***

**8:30am Ellen Russell R.I.P**

**10:00am Families of the Parish**

**12 noon Deceased Family & Friends**

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,  
but can be organised anytime,  
text 07909 140867**

## *School Nativity on Wednesday Evening.*

*A superb evening, made me proud to be associated with our school. Is it any wonder so many people are desperate to get their children there?*

*I hope all parents and children appreciate how blessed they are.*

*Sincere thanks to Mr D. O'Regan and his team.*

*Thanks also to those who prepared and brought along mince pies and mulled wine.*

## **MASS OF HEALING AND PARTY.**

*Sincere thanks to the SVP and others for a wonderful Saturday afternoon last week. All enjoyed a great time and for some of our housebound parishioners, it was a happy sojourn. People working together can do wonders. I'm sure with a bit more effort, other groups could organise similar days for themselves, or others. New Year's resolution????*

## **SERVERS PARTY.**

*Thursday 26th is the feast of St Stephen, the patron of altar servers. So there will be a special mass at 12 noon for all servers, followed by a party. Your presence is appreciated.*

## **Fr Jack**

Today is a wonderful day to celebrate St. Joseph, the transformation of a humble carpenter into one of the greatest saints the world has ever known. It appears that Joseph was not a man of wealth. When Jesus was taken up to the temple to be circumcised, Joseph only presented the poor man's offering of two turtle doves to be sacrificed and not the specified lamb. However, when Mary and he were looking for lodgings in Bethlehem, he went to the hotels and hostels looking for a place to stay, and we have to assume he had the money to pay for them, so they were not destitute either. When he discovered Mary pregnant he was kind and compassionate. Another man would have thrown her out for having committed adultery and thus she would have been stoned to death. When told in a dream (the Annunciation to Joseph) what was going on, he really responded with all the vigour of a good father. He fed, clothed, educated and housed Jesus. At Bethlehem he stayed with Mary (having forgotten to book a room) to get a place for her child to be born. He moved to Egypt to get away from Herod. He is the patron saint of FATHERS AND WORKERS. A good role model for all men.

*Do you live to work, or do you work to live???????*  
*Joseph would have prayed with Jesus and Mary, taught him carpentry and given him a good future. But then his Father intervened and had a different plan.*

***Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.***

## **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

*Some people receive communion by Intinction, which is by dipping the host in the chalice. Strictly speaking this is forbidden by the Constitution of the Liturgy. Thank you.*

## ***Church Cleaning.***

Many people do a great job in keeping our church clean and looking beautiful. Thank you very much. However it is noticeable that it is the same few people week after week. Would you please consider helping out for an hour, only once a month?

For the sake of order, I suggest the following break-down, however like any catholic group; no group is, or can be exclusive. Join where you can:

**First Saturday of the month:** Confirmation families.

**Second Saturday of the month:** African community.

**Third Saturday of the month:** Philippine community.

**Fourth Sunday of the month:** First communion families.

*Please play your part, the usual time is 12noon.*