

**Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021**

**Year B**

**Year of St Joseph**

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
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DIOCESAN SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY**

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My Dear parishioners.

The news these days is grim and sad. Record numbers of deaths since the pandemic began. Please therefore keep the hospital staff in your prayers at this time of the spiralling number of covid infections and sadly deaths. . You will know that the next few weeks will be demanding as the numbers of cases increase from the relaxation of lockdown at Christmas and Ne Year.

Covid can affect anyone of us and therefore it is important that serious conversations at the home take place in case of admission, eg the withdrawal of treatment and the DNR do not resuscitate. By having these discussion which are of course difficult, will make possible further difficult decisions a little easier. It is also important especially if your family is lapsed that you ensure that you make your wishes know that you would like me to be called to give you the Last Rites and you would like a Catholic funeral with a Requiem Mass. This is the stark reality that we are presently facing at this time and none of us can be complacent in our observing of covid precautions.

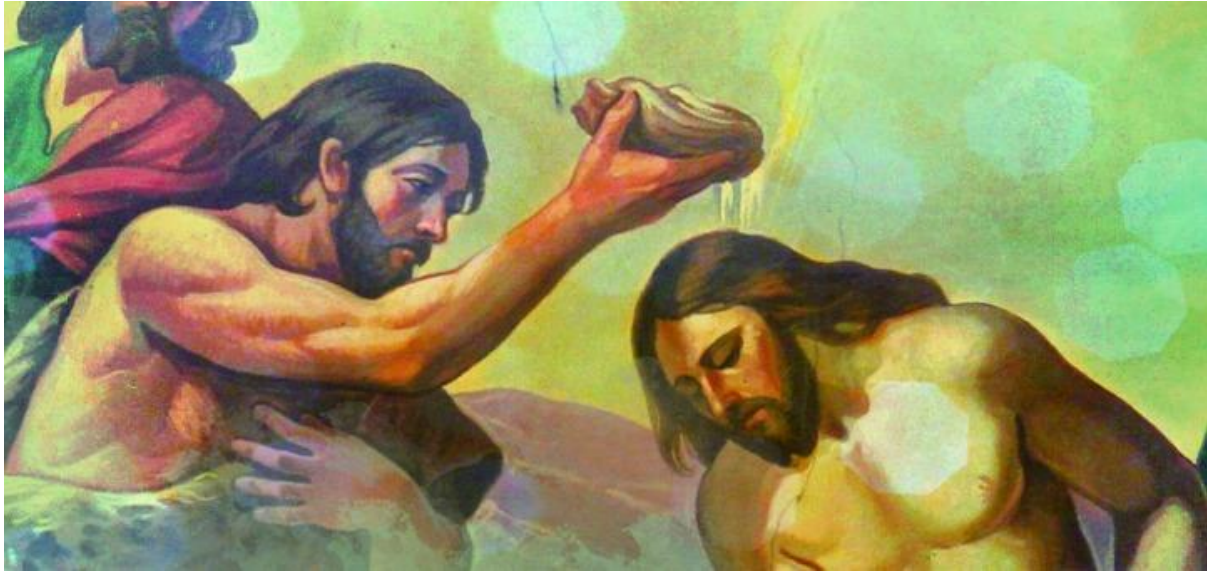
Many of the Churches have now cancelled Mass until February but we will continue as long as we adhere to all the precautions that we have in place here in the parish. It has however been brought to my attention that one individual on Saturday night and another on Sunday night did not follow the exiting procedures in place within Church. Please leave row by row following the direction of the volunteer. I have the names of the two individuals and I will be observing them this coming weekend. If they persist then I will have to speak to them to discuss their irresponsible behaviour which risks our church being closed.

ESR Learning. You will be pleased to learn that I scored 100% at my recent test at the hospital on Prevention of infection and cross infection. And I am able to use the knowledge within the parish. .

**Online Mass** The company chooses by the Diocese to install cameras for the online mass have given a quote of £2,000. If there are a number of parishioners who would like to donate then perhaps we can peruse this. Many thanks to the generous donations for this project.

**Baptisms**

Please note that with a heavy heart I have decided to postpone the three planned baptisms until after Easter. The ever deepening seriousness of the Pandemic, the increasing deaths and subsequent funerals and the risk of contagion through congregating have led to this decision. I have informed the three families involved.



**10<sup>th</sup> Jan The Baptism of the Lord** Please book place with the Sisters

Vigil 5.30pm Int of Dessia -Christine + Diane  
9.30am Sr Margaret Lambert R + J George  
11am John + Rosina Thomas Glenys  
8pm Novena Mass 1 -Nov Dead List

**Mon Jan Church open 9.15am**

9.30am Holy Mass November Dead list novena  
3.15pm Funeral Service at Morryston Cemetery Quirino Miltz

**Tue Jan Church open 9 am** St Anthony Novena 9.15am

Holy Mass 9.30am November Dead list novena

**Wed 13 Jan Church open 7.15pm**

7.15 pm Confessions  
7.30pm Holy Mass November Dead list novena  
Unni George RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Syam

**Triduum of Preparation for Santo Nino**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Church open 9.15am**

9.30am Holy Mass November Dead list novena  
Followed by day 1 Triduum  
1.30 Requiem Mass Mike O Hea.

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Church open 7pm** 7.15pm Triduum Day 2

7.15pm Confessions Fr Matthew  
7.30pm Holy Mass November Dead list novena

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** Church open 9.45 am Triduum Day 3 10am

10.15am The Rosary  
10.30 am Holy Mass November Dead list novena  
11am Confessions – Fr Matthew

Please note we are now booking masses for April

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**A very worrying and concerning development.**

The Senedd Welsh Government have decide to indefinitely extend the provision for girls and women to have a DIY abortion at home. This process involves buying an abortion pill, having it sent to ones home and then for the abortion to take place. No doctor supervision, no assistance and at any stage of pregnancy. Initially the Senedd would allow this for either up to two years or until the end of the pandemic, whichever would be the shortest. The Senedd are now going to allow this procedure indefinitely. A questionnaire has been complied by SPUC ( Society for the protection of the unborn Child) and may be followed in the link below. A lot is at stake if this legislation changes. We will never know how many abortions will take place as well as grave concerns about complications if something goes wrong doing the do it at home abortion. There will be no regulation and having an abortion will become as easy as taking smarties. Your daughter, wife or granddaughter can buy this tablet on line and no one else will know. A truly worrying and concerning development I would therefore encourage you all to look at the questionnaire, complete and return.

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Wales-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>



### **2021THEME:**

“Santo. Nino: The Abiding presence of the Father in our Journey of Faith”

### **17<sup>th</sup> Jan The Santo Nino of Cebu ( Phillipines)**

Please book place with the Sisters

Vigil 5.30pm Mary Dalton Health -Doris

9.30am Sr Eileen Lambert R+ J George

11am Santo Nino Mass Tomo Family Intention (Seats Fully Booked)

4 pm Latin EF Mass Pro Pop

8pm Santo Nino Mass Holy Souls (Seats Fully Booked)

**Sinulog 2021 in honour of the Santo Nino of Cebu** There will be a Triduum of preparation for the annual feast at the following times The annual Novena (Day 1- 6) will be through Zoom and then the Triduum will be celebrated in Church. Intentions can be emailed to me for the triduum to be read aloud.The Phillipino Community will live stream this special Mass

#### **Triduum**

14 th Jan Thursday 10 am  
(after the 9.30 mass )

15 th Jan Fri 7 .15 pm  
before the 7.30 pm mass

16 th Sat 10 am before 10.15 am Rosary and the 10.30 am Mass



### **Retreat for the parish sisters**

The sisters will go into retreat on Sunday evening 10<sup>th</sup> January until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. During that time they will not be attending Mass here at the church and are not to be disturbed at the Convent. Fr Matthew will offer their daily Mass and give two meditations at the convent. Please note that as they will not be at Church the church will only open 15 min before each Holy Mass/ devotion ie

#### **Church opening times during the retreat**

9.15am Mon, Thursday.  
9am Tuesday 9Novena 9.15am) .  
7.15pm Wed and Friday  
10am Saturday.(Rosary 10.15am)

**Confessions** With Fr Matthew being around there will be an opportunity for a visiting priest for Confessions.

Wed and Friday 7.15pm and through the Mass

Saturday 11am

I would encourage those making the novena to the Santo Nino to attend confession and for those who have had not had the opportunity these last months of lockdown.

**Lent** The Holy Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

I have ordered the daily reading booklets for those who have requested them for daily usage.

### **Adoration**

Will I resume after lockdown . The lock down will be reviewed by the Senedd on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and so we will know more details then of restarting.

**Hour of Mercy** -The 3pm Hour of Mercy is livestreamed from the Presbytery chapel until further notice and until completion of the lockdown. This will on the Shrine Facebook until the camera is installed. Intentions can be sent to the Shrine Facebook page on Thursdays or via email to the parish email address.

### **Novena of Mases 2021 November Dead List**

10 Jan – 18 Jan

12 Feb – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

9 March – 16<sup>th</sup> March

12 April -19<sup>th</sup> April

**Booking Sunday Mass** To book a place at any of the Weekend Masses please contact the Sisters on 07380896874 Booking is required with the full schedule being resumed so that Social Distancing can be maintained

**Track and Trace and the App** By booking your place at Sunday Mass we are able to follow the recommendation for Track and Trace. We also now have our own unique code for you to scan with the NHS App. The code is located on both the Entry door and Exit point.

**Welsh Province Year book 2021**A small number are available for sale £2.50

### **Catechism Classes and 1st Holy Communion 2021 and 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes for 2021 have begun with the 1<sup>st</sup> year of catechism class from Sr Jaqis class now registered.

Tanya Jacobs

Matthew Anto  
Abel Stephens  
Chrisvin Benny

Registration forms are with the sisters for any other children who wish to attending classes starting after Feb half term when schools resume after lockdown.

### **Supporting your church**

Envelopes for your offering for 2021 are now available in the porch.

Many thanks to you all for your continued financial support during these trying times. It is great that many of you have standing orders/ direct debit

I urge ALL parishioners to consider adopting this method of giving. It is easy to do. You just need to give the following information about our Parish bank account, to your bank, in order to set it up.  
Sort Code: 55-61-21 Account Number: 02131633 Account Name: parish of Morriston Diocese of Menevia Ref Sunday Collection

Please be assured that your donations/offerings greatly assist the Parish financially - especially during these most challenging of times. Thank you, most sincerely.

Here is the standing order form to give to your bank

<https://sacredheartmorrison.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Standing-order-form.pdf>

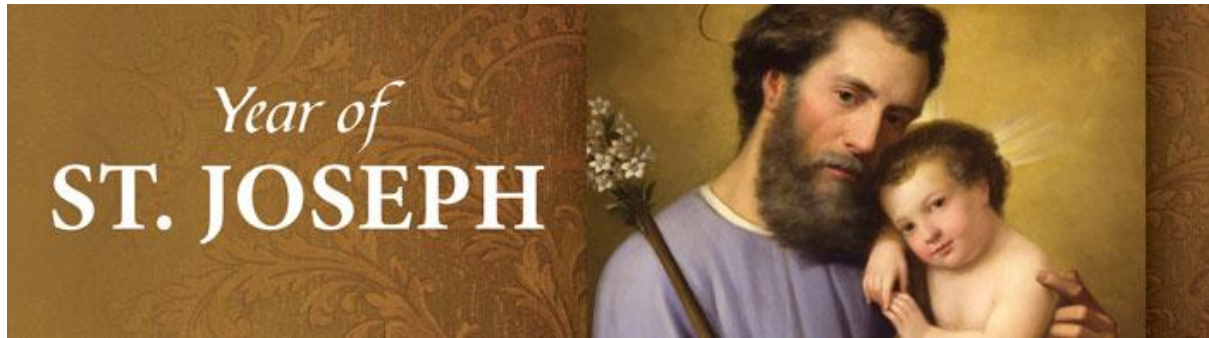
and Gift Aid form if you are a U.K. tax payer to give to Father Jason

<https://sacredheartmorrison.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gift-Aid-form.pdf>

### **Readers**

If you are a reader (or would like to become one ) then please indicate this to the sisters when you book your place at Sunday Mass. This will also give you the essential time to prepare the reading beforehand.

### **Sacred Heart Centre is closed until after Lockdown**



### **Year of St Joseph**

The Holy Father has announced a Year dedicated to St Joseph to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Church.

Various pastoral proposals are made in the Apostolic letter of the Pope which includes setting the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month aside to honour St Joseph, Wednesdays of the Year to be dedicated to him. Observance of the feast of the Holy Family, March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Items of piety will be available soon for our homes to remind us of this Year. Also I am producing a sheet with the recommended prayers of the Holy Father in honour of St Joseph.

On the Feast of the Holy Family- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, there will be a special Blessing of a Shrine for the Year with the beautiful Wooden Statue that we have of St Joseph.

Below is one of the prayers given to us by the Holy Father.

### **Prayer to St Joseph for the Year of St Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Further prayers may be found here

<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>

To Read the full letter of the Holy father follow the link below

[http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

## **Message from the Archbishop**

“WHOSE CHILDREN ARE THEY ANYWAY”

The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill currently before the Senedd will effectively remove the rights of parents as the first educators of their children. It will threaten the nature and purpose of Catholic schools as well as being an affront to devout Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in Wales. In the provisions concerning Human and Sex Education, the responsibility and privilege of parents to choose the right moment and language to discuss love and human sexuality with their children will be overridden by the imposition of a curriculum not in conformity with Christian teaching and that of many other faiths. The right of parents to remove their children from such classes will be removed. The implications of this Bill places the right of the State before that of the parents of a child in such an important part of life. Should this ideologically driven Bill become law, it will remove the ancient freedoms and duties of parents in the education of their children. It would restrict freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of worship and conscientious objection. These are fundamental human rights which should be respected in a pluralistic society. They are not being upheld by this proposed legislation. The assertion of power by Welsh Government in the lives of its citizens is not always malicious, but it cannot go unchallenged. The responses to the consultation on this Bill have been largely ignored. The First Minister of Wales and the Members of the Senedd need to be reminded very clearly that they were elected by us in order to represent us. We do not elect members of the Senedd to usurp our role as parents, grandparents and families. The rights and duties of parents are more significant and profound than party view and politics. This abuse of government power cannot go unchallenged. If we remain silent, there will be no appeal.

ACT NOW AND URGE YOUR LOCAL MS TO REJECT THE CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT (WALES) BILL BY USING THE LINK BELOW:

<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents?tmpl=component&print=1>

This link will take you to a pro forma from the Catholic Education Service, they will provide you with details of your local MS on the basis of your postcode. Individual letters registering your objection to this proposed legislation are better than copied circulars.



## Devotion of the Month

### **January the month of the Holy Name of JESUS**

In the commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and handed down to us, we are told to honour the name of God. It is a name used in prayer and as a blessing, but it is, unfortunately, all too often these days used in vain or as a curse. Nowadays we hear not only the word "God" invoked in negative ways, but also the name of Jesus, the name of God born of the Virgin Mary.

While most of our liturgical celebrations throughout the year focus on biblical events or the lives of the saints, on Jan. 3 is honored the name of Jesus, observed as an optional memorial. Why should we celebrate and honor the name of Jesus with a feast? Here are a few reasons:

#### **1. A Name Reverenced by All**

St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Philippians, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, / of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (2:10). The name of Jesus was first spoken by an angel and is the cause of adoration by the heavenly court. It is a name reverenced especially during the Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs the priest to bow his head at the mention of Jesus' name (see No. 275). It is a name that evil fears, and when invoked can cast out demons. We honor and celebrate the name of Jesus because the name of God deserves reverence. By celebrating this feast, we seek to make reparation for the irreverent use of God's name and restore it to proper dignity.

#### **2. It Is the Name by Which We Are Saved**

The angel tells St. Joseph to name the child Jesus because he will save us from our sins (see Mt 1:21). By His incarnation, God made man takes on a name indicating he

comes to save us. Jesus becomes the source of our salvation. Since apostolic times, the name of Jesus has been preached and proclaimed. First, by the apostles as they sojourned on their missionary efforts, then by their successors who sought to evangelize, by various missionaries who brought the name of Jesus to the New World, and by teachers of the Faith who sought to combat heresy. We celebrate a feast in honor of Jesus' holy name because it has been spoken throughout the world, and when proclaimed to those who have never heard His name, lives are changed.

### **3. Many Have Died Pronouncing the Name of Christ**

Those who have worked as missionaries to spread the name of Jesus have often suffered because of His name. In the beatitudes, Jesus foretold that some would be persecuted for His sake (see Mt 5:10). Throughout the history of Christianity, many have shed their blood and died a martyr's death, some even have professed the name of Jesus on their lips as they breathed their last. Celebrating the Holy Name of Jesus reminds of us these ancestors in the Faith and hopefully encourages us to want Jesus' name to be our last word.

### **4. There Is Power in His Name**

Jesus powerfully taught that where two or three are gathered in His name, He would be in their midst (see Mt 18:20). People also called upon Jesus by name when asking for a miracle. The blind man cried out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" (Lk 18:38), and with that invocation and further conversation his sight was restored. Demons were cast out of the possessed by Jesus' name (Acts 16:18; 19:16). Celebrating the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus reminds us that we should pray the name of Jesus in our struggles or when we are anxious, because His name is powerful for those who call upon Him.

### **5. Many Have Been Devoted to the Holy Name for Centuries**

The name of Jesus has been a source of devotion for centuries. In 1274, the Council of Lyons recommended that all the faithful should foster a devotion to the name of Jesus. Many saints also have recommended the devotion, most notably, St. Bernadine of Siena. Fr. Paul O'Sullivan's book "The Wonders of the Holy Name" gives an exhaustive overview of the countless saints, known and unknown, who promoted devotion to the name of Jesus.

One of the most public displays of devotion to Jesus' holy name arose out of societies and confraternities dedicated to the Holy Name. While no longer as popular as in days gone by, there are many ways people can foster a devotion today to the name of Jesus. The Eastern Church's practice of the Jesus Prayer ("Lord, Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner") recited many times connects the name of Jesus and invocation for His mercy. The Hail Mary, when split in two parts, hinges on the name of Jesus. St. Louis de Montfort, in "The Secret of the Rosary" encouraged people to add a short phrase there to focus one's meditation (for example, "thy womb Jesus, born in poverty, Holy Mary ... "). I developed de Montfort's suggestion in my Rosary devotional "A Rosary Litany." There is also a [Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus](#), and many songs such as "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" or "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," in addition to several contemporary Christian songs.

We celebrate the feast of Jesus' holy name in order to foster a deep love for His name. If we pray the name of Jesus continually in this life, then it will be His name that we pronounce when we meet our Saviour face to face.

