



Saint Dominic pray for us

THIS WEEK

Masses

This Sunday

9.30am, 10.30am
12noon & 5.30pm

Monday - Friday

10.00am ONLY

Saturday

10.00am & 7.30pm

Confessions

Saturdays

10.30am-12.30pm
7.00pm-7.30pm

First Friday

9.30am to 10am
5.30pm to 6.00pm

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sun: 9.30am

Devotions

Rosary

Mon - Sat
before 10am Mass
Sun at 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday
10.30am-12.30pm

Divine Mercy,

Rosary &

Benediction

1st Sunday of the month at 3.00pm



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“The Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ...” ...

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes, called the “domestic Church”.



Saint John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church” and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the centre of family and individual life. Ways to do this include - reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

In addition to cultivating positive actions, the Church understands that various actions and behaviours are contrary to God’s Divine plan for the family ~ such as abortion, spousal abuse, child-abuse, among other things. Also, poverty, lack of health care, rights violations, government intrusion in the faith life of communities and families, and other concerns must be addressed by faithful Christians because of the negative effect these conditions have on the family unit. St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in his letter to the Colossians.

Saint Paul says that, as God’s chosen ones, we must be holy and beloved, compassionate, living in kindness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other. And above all other thing, to live with one another in love, which binds everyone and everything together. He writes that we must always be thankful and let the word of Christ dwell in our hearts, teaching us to praise God, the Father of all families, with thankfulness in our hearts. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives and husbands must live in honour and love of one another, dedicated to solely to each alone. Children must be taught the respect of their parents in all things and must be cherished and encouraged in their lives.

The feast of the Holy Family is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves ~ what are we doing to promote the family within our own homes and communities?



St Thomas Aquinas

Dominican Priory Newsletter



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



First Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Through the prophet the Lord speaks to the people on how they are to behave towards their family members. Children are called upon to honour their parents, for that is what is pleasing to the Lord. Just as the parents looked after the children in their youth, then the child is called up to look after the parent in old age. The honour and respect shown by the child toward a parent will not go unrewarded by the Lord.

Second Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Saint Paul remind the Christian Community that they are the chosen race loved by God. They are to live a life of compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness. Just as the God has forgiven them, they now must show forgiveness. Their lives must be marked by gratitude for all that God has done for them doing everything in His name. Wives and husbands must live in mutual respect and honour for one another. Children must likewise show respect and honour for their parents. Parents must never treat their children in ways that may cause resentment or bitterness.

Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

When Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the Temple to present Him to the Lord, they meet the Prophet Simeon. The old man praises God and thanks Him for being able to see the Saviour of the world. He tells the parents of the future of their child and His destiny to save the peoples. Meeting the prophetess Anna, she too confirms the words of Simeon about Jesus and His mission to the peoples. Mary was also told that her joy would be tainted by great sorrow.



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O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you.



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS JAN 2024



Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...

First Sunday Devotions: The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction next Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.



Childrens' Sunday Rosary: each Sunday morning children will recite the Rosary at 11.40am. All are welcome.

Webcam: our webcam will broadcast the Rosary at 9.40am & Mass at 10.00am on weekdays and the 12.00noon Mass on Sundays.

Catholic Faith Discussion Group: 2nd Fri of the month at 7pm in the Walker Building.

This Week's Saints & Feasts

Monday ~ Feast of Saint Basil and Saint Gregory

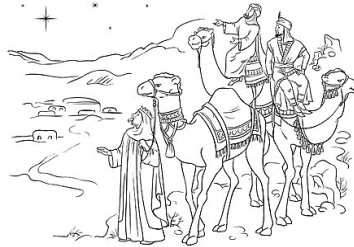
Born in 330, Basil became Bishop of Caesarea. He lived an austere life and became a renown theologian, writing the norms of the monastic way of life. He died in 379. A friend of Basil, Gregory, born in 379, was Bishop of Constantinople until he retired to the monastic way of life. He died in 389.

Tuesday ~ Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

Today we honour the most holy name of our Lord :

Friday ~ Solemnity of the Epiphany of the

The Messiah, promised to the people of Israel, has come into the world – but not in the way they have expected. This feast marks when God makes known that His Son has come into the world and not just for the People of Israel but for all nations. The three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar - followed the star that led them to find this



With our prayers and best wishes

The Dominican Community here wish you all

a very, very,
Happy New Year.

May God bless you
and all your loved ones
in the year to come.



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Monday 1st to Friday 5th

Mass at 10.00am only.

Feast of the Epiphany - Saturday 6th

Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm



Blessing Your Home at Epiphany

There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes. Lighting a Christmas Candle you pray,

“Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we

grow in grace

and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in

peace,

O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen”.

The Year of the Lord 2024

As we come to the end of this year and prepare for 2024, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who support us in so many ways, to our staff and volunteers, to those who encourage and support us by acts of kindness, by your prayers and uplifting words.

As we look forward to the year to come, we may be glad this year is over, or it may have been a year of special time. What our life experience, we remember that Christ has come into the world to love us and save us – so let us look forward with hope, hope in the Lord, hope in His mercy and hope in the goodness of others.

In this coming year our Province will celebrate 800 years of our presence in Ireland. We remember that in founding the Order, Saint Dominic wanted people to know the truth, the truth of

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

fr Reginald Rafter OP	fr Gerard McMahon OP	fr Malachy Cunningham OP
Michael Geraghty (1 st)	Mary & Mary C Lennon	John Frank O’Riordan (6 th)
Michael & Mary McDonald	Mona Lynch (2 nd)	Mary Murphy

we also remember

James Wilson, Milltown	Isabella Gordon, Dara Park
Michael Kennedy, Moorefield Park	Philomena Whiteley, Beech Road
Josephine Graham, Banagher	Con Nolan, Templeogue



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.