



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th December 2021 – HOLY FAMILY FEAST
Sunday 2nd January 2022 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday-Friday
8am-6pm

Saturday
9am-8pm

Sunday
9am-7pm

12.15pm-12.40pm – confessions
12.45pm - Mass
1.30pm-4pm - Adoration

5.30pm-6pm – confessions
Saturday Mass - 6pm

Sunday Mass - 11am
Sunday Mass - 5pm
Spanish Mass - 6pm

COVID-19 Guidelines

- Please wear a face covering except when receiving Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS <i>Week commencing 26th December 2021</i>	MASS INTENTIONS <i>Week commencing 2nd January 2022</i>
Sunday 26 th December 2021 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> 11am, 5pm, 6pm (Spanish)	Sunday 2 nd January <i>2nd Sunday after the Nativity</i> 11am, 5pm, 6pm (Spanish)
Monday 27 th December 2021 <i>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 12noon – after which time the Church will close	Monday 3rd January <i>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY</i>
Tuesday 28 th December 2021 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 12noon – after which time the Church will close	Tuesday 4 th January – 12.45pm 6pm – Memorial Mass - Julian Watson - RIP <i>Christmas feria</i>
Wednesday 29 th December 2021 <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i> 12.45pm – Antonio Blanco - RIP	Wednesday 5 th January <i>Christmas feria</i> 12.45pm
Thursday 30 th December <i>6th Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> 12.45pm – Julian Watson - RIP	Thursday 6 th January EPIPHANY 8am - Parishioners 12.45pm – Annie Lydon - RIP 6pm
Friday 31 st December <i>7th Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> 12.45pm	Friday 7 th January <i>Christmas feria</i> 12.45pm – Holy Souls
Saturday 1st January 2022 – 6pm <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	Saturday 8 th January – 6pm <i>Christmas feria</i>



ST PATRICK'S PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

2021/2022

As Advent begins, we are delighted to announce the launch of the St. Patrick's Planned Giving Campaign 2021/22. Cards will be handed out at Sunday Masses explaining the various funds that contribute to the many activities creating a vibrant parish life. More details will be shared about the funds in the New Year. Throughout Advent, we ask that you generously consider giving to the following:

9 January - Music

16 January - Homeless Projects

23 January - Evangelisation

PRAYER GROUPS

Confession - Monday to Friday

12.15pm-12.40pm and Saturday 5.30pm-6pm

Cenacolo

7pm-8pm – Monday's only (in the Church)

SOS Prayerline

Request for prayer answered personally by telephone:
020 7434 9211 - 7 days per week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Friday - 1.30pm-4pm

Saturday – 7pm-8pm

Daily rosary – 12pm to 12.20pm

JOIN OUR LIVE STREAM

Monday - Friday 1.30pm - 4pm; Saturday 7-8pm
Holy Mass; Sunday 11am; Join us via livestream at
www.stpatricksoho.org/livestream. If you have any
prayer requests, please send them to:
adoration@stpatricksoho.org.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for all their generosity, hard work and joy during these challenging times. Christmas and New Year is always a moment of renewal and resolution for the future. Let us put ourselves into the hands of Mary our Mother as we prepare to celebrate the New Year, consecrating it to her and her maternal protection. A happy Christmas, New Year and Epiphany to all.

Father Alexander

REFLECTION

On Wednesday morning, as I watched the early morning news, I was left dumbstruck and awestruck with the news of the discovery of a Dinosaur egg that was between 66 and 75 million years old, The egg had been fossilised and contained a perfectly formed embryo and had been on the verge of hatching. We are all part of God's creation and our history is just as important as our future. There is so much we **don't** know about this life, a life that continues to unfold around us. We live amid an ever-changing, ever-evolving drama involving creation, the Cosmos, our own flesh and blood, our own family. Even if we never have children of our own, we belong to a wider family of cousins, nieces and nephews, aunts, and uncles - each one coping with their own challenges. We sink or swim in direct proportion to our ability to cope, to question and to adapt our understanding. Today's feast speaks of the Holy Family of Nazareth and, as we hear in the Gospel passage, Jesus was not afraid to stretch his own understanding and the understanding of others. At the tender age of twelve he explores his own ministry. Having been missing for a number of days he is eventually discovered among the men of learning who were *astounded at his intelligence and his replies*. Mary and Joseph were invited to turn on their head their own ideas and understanding of what might be involved in being "parents" of the Son of God. Just as Jesus grew and developed in his understanding of where his ministry would lead, so too Mary and Joseph, were called upon to similarly develop their perception and appreciation of what was involved in being part of *The Holy Family*.

Challenging perceptions and understanding is **our** calling, just as it was theirs.

Families are referred to as the building blocks of society. They are a precious commodity in our calling to make this world a better place, to bring God's love to a world that struggles to find meaning and hope, a world that finds it difficult to accept opinions that are different. They aren't better or inferior - just different. None of us has a monopoly on righteousness and we should all practice humility in our dealings with our fellow human beings. A fossilised embryo reminds us of, and teaches us, to be humble.

Please note there are no public facilities in the Church