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THE HOLY FAMILY

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 26 Dec	5.30 pm	St George's	John Muscat RIP
Sun 27 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	James O'Riordan RIP
	6.00pm	St George's	Sp. Int. Sister Teresa
Mon 28 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Intention: Phil Mason
Tue 29 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 30 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Kath & Eric Bellingham RIP and their family
Thu 31 Dec	9.30 pm	St George's	Sr Raphael RIP
Fri 01 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Mrs Margaret Todd RIP
Sat 02 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mass for Family Scicluna
Sun 03 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Peter Broderick, for good health
	6.00 pm	St George's	Dec. members of the Geelan Family



*Christ our Saviour is born*

*Christmastime is the fulfilment of hope given to the world as we celebrate the presence of our God among us. This past year we have experienced a great darkness throughout the world with the spread of the Coronavirus.*

*People's lives have been turned upside down with illness, death, loss of work and there has been so much fear and anxiety. Earlier this year we experienced the closing of churches; this has challenged us in our coming together as community to worship God. For some it seems the light has diminished. But we must continue to recognise we need each other, our families and our communities, for it is in and through each other that we use our strengths to keep going. Our Faith is a true gift that allows us to encounter God in one another.*

*At Christmas we celebrate that our God entered into a new and unique relationship with humankind; that Jesus came to live among us as one of us, to bring the face of God before us. The spirit of Christmas, then, is very much one of recognising the value of all people, because our God has identified with us in a special way; and has told us that we find him in each other.*

*So let us journey together in faith for we know that we are never alone. The gift of Christmas, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is always with the people created in His image and likeness.*

*During the Christmas Octave may we all look forward to the blessings of this Christmas time. I wish you and your families, near and far, a very Merry Christmas. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you all and keep you safe.*

Fr Alan

### CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.

*Thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings which help the parish to support your priests. Thanks also for your Christmas cards and gifts and for all your help and support throughout 2020.*

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 28 Dec: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
Tues 29 Dec: St Thomas of Canterbury  
Fri 1 Jan: Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Sat 2 Jan: SS Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church

**Dear All, you can now use our website to donate online or deposit your weekly offering; the site is secure and uses the link direct of our account.**

Website link below:

<https://stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk/>



Also the Newsletters and Mass readings are posted every week.

God Bless and have a wonderful Christmas - Kindest Karan

### UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION:

In September 2020 the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24 September 2020). In light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development they have now issued a follow up statement (3rd December 2020) which can be found on the CBCEW website along with the original September statement.

Link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

**Fr Alan's Christmas Appeal supporting the Marcus Rashford & Trussell Trust Foodbank Appeal EXTENDED UNTIL 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021.** Just one extra item in your shopping trolley will make an enormous difference to a family. Please place in collection boxes. What do they need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we like to include Christmas items such as tinned salmon, mince pies, Christmas cakes and tinned ham etc. Foods they are often short of include boxes of chocolates - Quality Street etc. Party food such as crisps, biscuits, Hotdogs, chocolates, biscuits, fruit juice, squash & fizzy pop. Sugar, dessert, tinned fruits. Thank you. Fr. Alan.

I would like to express my thanks to all who have helped within the parish over the last year and especially since March. Many of you have come forward willingly giving your time. It has been see so many encouraging to together in such an uncertain time and in so many varied ways enable us to keep the Parish going and our churches open to allow parishioners to come and feel safe to worship. I thank you again - Fr Alan.

