

OITC SUNDAY MASS
Feast of the Holy Family
29th December 2024

Welcome and Introduction

Music

Edelweiss

Opening Invocations

Lord Jesus, we trust in your compassion for parents, brothers and sisters, living and dead.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, How much better our family life could be if we would humbly say, 'please', 'thank you' and 'I'm sorry'.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, grant to us and all families your mercy and peace in times of conflict or wrongdoing.

Lord, have mercy

When we repent of our sins, God forgives us and sets us free. May we in our turn forgive others and forgive ourselves and come to our God in peace. Amen

Gloria

There is a star (Liam Lawton)

Collect

As your sons and daughters, O loving God,
we come before you in thanksgiving,
called and united by your eternal Word.

Teach us to ponder the mystery of Nazareth,
that we may always find in you the source of our strength and the unity of our families.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever.

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her children.

Those whoever respect their fathers are atoning for their sins,
those who honour their mothers are like people amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects their father will be happy with children of their own,

they shall be heard on the day when they pray.

Long life comes to those who honour their father,
those who set their mothers at ease are showing obedience to the Lord.

My children, support your fathers in their old age,

do not grieve them during their lives.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,

do not despise him in your health and strength;

for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten

but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps
128:1-5

O blessed are those who revere the Lord and walk in his ways!

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By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the one who reveres the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which

indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 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.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41- 52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group

of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Music

O Come O Come Emmanuel (The Piano Guys)

Lectio

Creed

We believe in one God (Bernadette Farrell)

We believe in one God
maker of us all
of everything that is seen and
unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ
who is flesh of our flesh, bone of
our bone
yet one being with God the living
God.

We believe in one Spirit of our
God
Spirit of the Father, Spirit of Jesus,
Spirit of us all, spirit of creation.
We believe in one people with our
God.

We believe God forgives and
brings new life
and with Christ we shall rise and
conquer death.

Intercessions

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn

Silent Night

Word for the Road Ahead

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said:
“People are often unreasonable
and self-centred. Forgive them
anyway.

If you are honest, people will
cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you are kind, people will accuse
you of having ulterior motives. Be
kind anyway.

If you find happiness, people may
be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be
forgotten tomorrow. Do good
anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough. Give
your best anyway.

For you, in the end, it’s between
you and God.

It was never between you them
anyway.”

Recessional

Adeste Fideles