

**PRAY FOR THE
SICK**



Anniversaries:

Rosalind Burton, May Tudisca, Ellen Coyle, Virginia Crook, Doris L'Estrange, Reginald Allen, Augustinho de Freitas, Jarman Edmund, Gemma McManus, Arthur Bailey, John (Jack) Kenny, Sister Marian Dewhirst, Margaret Waites, Damiana D'Costa.

Thank you

Linda Palmer and family express sincere thanks to everyone who assisted by way of prayers, words of comfort, and encouragement on the death of her mother Evaritia Sidonie.

Mass Timetable

All our services are live streamed

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

Please **wear a facemask**, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing

Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code



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Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

19th December 2021

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

During Advent we have pondered on the message of Old Testament prophets foretelling the birth of the Messiah. Today we are led to reflect upon Mary, Our Lady, as she prepared to become the mother of the Lord.



First Reading Micah 5:1-4

In Bethlehem, the prophet declares, the saviour will be born.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ came into the world to do God's will.

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth declares Mary to be of all women "the most blessed".

Responsorial Psalm

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Our Music Group

came in force last Sunday at 10 am. They had done a good deal of practice in preparation. It made me realise what we had been missing for many months. They deserve your thanks. It seemed that more families had returned to enjoy their style of mass. Similarly the 11.30 choir have grown in confidence in recent weeks. We have not yet got them the support they need but I am optimistic that we are on the way to finding it early in the New Year.

We now have instrumentalists in place for each of the masses on Christmas Eve and Day. All the masses feature carols. We hope you will all join in and sing. As lustily as you can through the mandatory face covering. The windows are open to provide ventilation, sacrificing the comfort of warmth to the need of safety. We believe that if all keep face coverings we will defeat the covid and return home unharmed.

St Vincent de Paul Society

will be busy this week assembling parcels and help to the most needy of our locality. They can only do this because you were so generous in last Sunday's retiring collection. Once more you gave £1300. Well done. Thank you.

Our government finds money to throw at major issues, vaccination being one of them. For us money is only the start. In human terms the money needs to be backed up by love. We will return to the subject after the Christmas break. It is much more rewarding to serve than to be served. We trust that in due course the pandemic will somehow come to an end. Whether SToC will still be functioning depends on a sizeable number of us finding the shape of the new church, and throwing ourselves generously into making it come real.

Christmas offering for the Friars A notice for parishioners who pay by standing order

As you know it is the practice that the loose plate offerings made at the Christmas masses are your personal offerings for the Friars. For those of you who pay by standing order we will have envelopes available in which you can place your donation and this will enable that donation to be gift aided. Thank you.

Christmas Masses Rota.

Many thanks to all who offered their services, as normal some of the masses were more popular and oversubscribed with offers of help – sorry if you haven't been assigned a Ministry. The Rotas for the Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are displayed at the back of the church. Unfortunately we still have several slots to fill, namely: A second Reader for the 11:30 mass on Christmas Day Ushers/ Stewards for the 3pm & 10pm Christmas Eve masses and the 10am & 11:30 masses on Christmas Day. If you can help with any of the above please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

SVP

The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations last weekend, we have already put some of the collection to good use helping families locally. We appreciate your continuing support, which enables us to help others in need. We are also trying to help a smaller version of the St Thomas' Soup Run start up again; there is a meeting next Monday, 20th December at 7.00pm in the Assisi Room for anyone interested in helping with this venture.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th December
8.30 Maurice O'Sullivan RIP
10 Rory McGuire RIP
11.30 People of the parish

Monday 20th December
Tina Kerr & family
Karen Spencer anniversary
Stephen Aherne RIP

Tuesday 21st December
John Stapley RIP
C.W.L
Trinity intentions

Wednesday 22nd December
Stubbings family thanks
Mary Evans

Thursday 23rd December
Aaron Murphy RIP
E & M Gorman & family

Funeral 11 am Maurice O'Sullivan

Friday 24th December
3 pm
5.15 Michael Murphy anniversary
7.30 Eddie Marie RIP
10 pm Community & benefactors

Saturday 25th December
8.30 Allen Charles RIP
10 Eddie Marie RIP
11.30 Private intentions
People of the parish

Sunday 26th December
8.30 Brian Beveridge RIP
10 Eddie Marie RIP
11.30 Patricia & Lorenz Koenen RIP
People of the parish

School Vacancies Trinity

- Science Technician,
- Computer Science Teacher

St Anthony's

- SEN Learning Support Assistant

St John's RC Special

- Finance Officer
- Assistant Caretaker

Please visit the relevant School's website for more information

CAFOD Thank you

CAFOD has sent a thank you message to parishioners for the £1079 they received for the Harvest Fast Day

The Parish Office

Will be closed from 24th December until 4th January 2022

Our Christmas Tree

On Saturday we will be arranging the Christmas Tree on the Altar. A big thanks to The heartfelt Funeral Co., Snakes Lane East who kindly donated the lovely Tree to the Church this year.

