

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 4th December/ Sunday 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



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SICK PARISHIONERS: Please pray for all who are sick in our hospitals, our nursing homes and at home. For those who are anxious, bereaved or struggling in the Faith. May they experience the healing hands of Jesus through our prayerful actions and visits, including:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Brenda Sewell, Fr Martin Nott, Peggy White, Mary Derriman, Eileen Brooks, Stella McKenna, Mona O'Rourke, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett and Kate Friedlein.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kay Redmond, Fr John Lane, Jim Hailstone, Debbie Joan Gibson, Mark Higgins, Pauline Cox, Herbert Shelock, Barry Brown, Michael Swan, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Patrick Corcoran, Patrick O'Sullivan, Ena King and Licia Bryant. **May they all rest in peace.**

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS: A coffee morning is held after morning Mass each Friday. Everyone is welcome.

FUNERAL: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sarah Jayne Roots**. Her Funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 7th December at 11.00am** in the Church. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: This coming weekend, we welcome **Luna Florence Lewis** and **Leon Kaniecki** into the family of the Church. May God bless them and their families at this special time.

FLOWERS: If anyone would like to make a donation for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**, please put it in an envelope, marked "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**" and drop into the Parish office or collection plate. Thank you.

COVID ROAD MAP UPDATE. In my letter to you all on 13th November, I said that I would review our Parish Policy in the light of any updated directions we might receive from our Bishops, the Government and the Health and Safety Executive. As of 30th November, we are all aware of the change with regard to the wearing of masks in shops and on public transport. As to places of worship, the previous advice from the authorities remains the same. As a result of this and particularly given the uncertainty surrounding the new variant, I am continuing to encourage and recommend the wearing of face coverings at all Masses and other Liturgies (Baptisms, Funerals etc.) in our Parish Church. As a Parish, we will obviously need to monitor the situation week by week as we approach Christmas in order to offer the best and safest celebration of a Feast which is so dear to our hearts. Fr David.

EVENING FOR THE SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

Fr David will be signing forms on Wednesday 8th December and Thursday 16th December in the Sacristy. Please call Clare in the Parish office to book an appointment.

ST JOHN PAYNE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: You are warmly invited to attend our Advent Carol Service, which will take place on Thursday 16th December at 6.00pm in Aquinas Hall. This always festive and creative service will be followed by refreshments and a time to socialise. If you have any queries, please contact Hannah Kelly, School Chaplain on 01245 256030, otherwise please just turn up and join in.

As from 4th December, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 10.30am -11.30am. During this time, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for all those who wish to avail themselves of this very privileged opportunity for prayer.

GIFT AID: Our Parish has just received a refund of **£4,501.41** from the Inland Revenue for the tax that our Gift Aiders have paid on their donations so far in the 2021/2022 Tax Year. The refund is especially welcome this year as donations to our Parish are lower because of the Covid restrictions that have been in place.

VACANCY: We are seeking a replacement gardener for Jason Akehurst to start towards the end of January. This is a paid job and hours are flexible, with more hours required in the summer than the winter.

If you are interested then please contact Clare in the office for more information. DIY skills are also a great advantage. **Closing date for applications has been extended to 10th December.**

BCCS Crib Donations: We are called to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We reflect on the messages of repentance and forgiveness that John the Baptist preached as he prepared the way for Jesus. During this week, we are asked to call on God to move us to action for he will answer if we do so. The pressures on young people have never been greater and the scale of the mental health issues is enormous. The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society works on the front line of dealing with this and we thank you for your support.

THANK YOU: We would like to say a big thank you to FareShare & Tesco Store in Braintree for their kind donation of bread each week.

SVP CHRISTMAS ZOOM QUIZ



Saturday 11th December at 7pm



Please join us for a fun Christmas Quiz, entry is free but donations welcome to the SVP

Apply for a place via our Facebook page or by sending us an e-mail: PresidentA030401@svp.org.uk

Raising funds to support our work to tackle poverty and offer practical support to people and families in need

Details are on our SVP Braintree Facebook page or you can e-mail: PresidentA030401@svp.org.uk

We will share the zoom link a few days before the quiz takes place.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

SVP - THANK YOU:

Dear Mr. Davey:

I understand from Nick Hanrahan that he recently spoke to your St. Vincent de Paul group and on the heels of that talk, your parish has made a cash donation of £300 and what, one of our staff described as “a carful” of really useful items for the JRS Shop and Christmas giving.

As a small organisation, we rely on the generosity of individuals, parishes and religious communities to enable us to continue our work. Thanks to donations like yours, we are able to accompany over 300 destitute refugees with practical and emotional support, and offer support to vulnerable people in immigration detention and those held at Napier Barracks.

With your support, we will be able to keep the JRS shop stocked with nutritious food, baby needs and full-sized toiletries as well as ensure our refugee friends' children get Christmas presents! We will be able to provide regular and phone credit top-ups, emergency grants and the expert support of our Destitution, Legal and Detention teams.

Besides this crucial practical support, your donation also supports the equally important community that JRS UK provides through our welcoming network of volunteer be-frienders, hosts and Shop facilitators. Our people and programmes have never been more important than during these uncertain times.

We know that the situation affecting refugees and people seeking asylum is likely to get tougher, so we are especially grateful for kindness and generosity like yours which will help us respond to this growing need and to continue our advocacy for a fairer and more humane asylum system. On behalf of refugee friends, volunteers, and staff at JRS UK, please relay our grateful thanks to your group and parish!

Warm regards,

Ruth Tovim
Fundraising Manager
Jesuit Refugee Service UK

**“Dear children
We would love to showcase your Christmas pictures once again
this year. Please let Clare have them in the Presbytery as soon as
possible”.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

On Christmas Eve, we hold a special pre-Christmas service for our young people, from 2.00pm to 2.30pm, in the Church. At such an exciting time for children, it's a good way for them to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We would stress this is not a Mass and shouldn't replace the Christmas Masses. Please encourage your child to make and bring along a birthday card for Jesus.

MASS TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS:



Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December

Confessions 10.30am to 11.30am

Children's Service at 2.00pm

The First Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm

Night Mass of Christmas at 10.00pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December

Mass at 9.00am

Mass at 11.00am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 26th December

Mass at 9.00am

Mass at 11.00am

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th December Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Cyril Victor Fernandes RIP (Conrad, Sharon, Lillian & Norma)
Sunday 5th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)	9.00am	Ainsley McGrath RIP (A) (Boyce)
	11.00am	Mary McDermott RIP (A) (Ann/Mark)
Monday 6th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 7th December St Ambrose, Bp, D Funeral Mass	9.30am 11.00am	Mr Michael Omoyinbo RIP (Fola Egboh) Sarah Jayne Roots RIP
Wednesday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am	Patrick McDermott RIP (Ann/Mark)
Thursday 9th December	9.30am	Fr Tony McKenty RIP (A) (Doleman)
Friday 10th December	9.30am	Ints of all the past Sisters from our Convent
Saturday 11th December Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mark Higgins RIP (A) (Higgins) & Debbie Gibson RIP (A) (Maria Playle)
Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT © (‘Gaudete’ Sunday)	9.00am	Helen Thompson RIP (Doleman)
	11.00am	Bertie Shelock RIP (A) (Shelock)