

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 11th December/ Sunday 12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

(‘Gaudete Sunday’)



**A Prayer for
the *Third Sunday of*
ADVENT**

**Jesus, you will come among us
once again to give us your very
life. May your life's gift inspire
us to make our lives a gift to
you, over and over again. Amen.**

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, Kate Friedlein, Gavin Leech and Agnes Hughes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Doyle, Mildred Brown, Nora Carroll, Michael Elligott, Vera Bambrick, Alexine Townsley, Jozef Wierzbicki, Andrew McClements, Szymon Duzniak, Sue Metson, Walter Keavey and Jerome Galvin. **May they all rest in peace.**

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS: A coffee morning is held after morning Mass each Friday. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds are for the Parish.

BAPTISMS: This coming weekend, we welcome **Mabel Rose Roache** into the family of the Church. May God bless her and her family 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.

JUBILEE HALL: The hall walls have recently been made good, washed down and painted. Please ensure tables are NOT put up against the walls. Place chairs stacked two by two to the rim placed at skirting board then the tables. There is a clear photo on the notice board to this effect. Much damage was caused by casually pushing tables to the walls. The curtains are being relined and hopefully will be back soon. Many thanks, Deirdre.

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.

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 18th December.**

REMINDER: Just to remind everyone, there is no longer a need to book for Mass; you can just come along.

REPOSITORY: We are almost finished doing a stock take and audit and we need to know who has keys for the Repository. Please can you let Clare know in the office if you have one.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Repository after Mass; particularly 6.00pm on Saturday evening and 11.00am on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Jacqui Leech on 07594 499051.

Many thanks.

COVID ROADMAP

Canon Christopher Thomas, the General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has sent this guidance to all Parishes on behalf of Cardinal Vincent and all our Bishops.

Looking at the current situation with the omicron variant, it is important to ensure that the points set out below are followed in our churches:

- . That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home. not travel to church or attend in person.
- . That hand sanitiser is available for everyone attending church.
- . That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during acts of worship.
- . That there is good ventilation and passage of air throughout the church building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it is important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- . That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab should be conveyed whenever possible.
- . That people who are engaged in any form of pastoral ministry which involves visiting the sick, housebound or vulnerable should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These tests are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission of the virus is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small.

If these guidance points are followed, then our churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for worship, including during the Christmas period.

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.



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: St Francis School are holding a Carol Service on Tuesday 14th December at 5.30pm in the Church; all our welcome!

They will be performing a collection of songs and scripture-based narration called *Christmas Star* by Australian composer John Burland.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being 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.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

**Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

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

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

EVENING FOR THE SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

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

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.

OUTDOOR CRIB: For the last few years, Jason Akehurst our Gardener and handyman has kindly erected the outside crib. As you will have seen in the newsletter, he is soon to be leaving us. Jason will erect the crib as usual, this year, it would be good however for some members of the parish to take responsibility for this in the future. If you think you might be able to help; please contact Clare in the parish office.



**“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 11th December Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mark Higgins RIP (A) (Higgins) & Debbie Gibson RIP (A) (Maria Playle)
Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT C ('Gaudete' Sunday)	9.00am	Helen Thompson RIP (Doleman)
	11.00am	Bertie Shelock RIP (A) (Shelock)
Monday 13th December St Lucy, V, M	No Mass	
Tuesday 14th December St John of the Cross, Pr, D	9.30am	Joe & Annie Wigfall RIP (Pauline & Kathy)
St Francis School Carol Concert In the Church	5.30pm	
Wednesday 15th December	9.30am	Christopher Burgess RIP (Ann/Mark)
Thursday 16th December	9.30am	Mrs Duzniak RIP
Friday 17th December At St Francis School	9.30am	Christopher Burgess RIP (Ann/Mark)
Saturday 18th December Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Nora Carroll RIP (A) (Cunningham)
Sunday 19th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT C (Expectant Mothers)	9.00am	Mildred Brown RIP (A) (Leyden)
	11.00am	Ella & Bill Weston RIP (A) (Weston)