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Fourth Sunday of Advent

19 December 2021



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| Sat 18 Dec | | 5pm | Confessions |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | | 6pm | The People of the Parish |
| Sun 19 Dec | | 8am | Monica Mary Ogden <small>FM</small> |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | | 10am | Deceased members of the Poll Family |
| Mon 20 Dec | Advent | 10am | Vieira Family + |
| Tue 21 Dec | Advent | 10am | Thorne & Curry Families <small>FM</small> |
| Wed 22 Dec | Advent | 11pm | Exposition |
| | | 12pm | Alison + |
| Thur 23 Dec | Advent | 10am | Deceased Members of the Long Family + <small>Foundation Mass</small> |
| Fri 24 Dec | Advent | 6pm | For all families in the Parish |
| Christmas Eve | | 8pm | The People of the Parish |
| Sat 25 Dec | | 8am | Winifred Mary Flory + <small>Foundation Mass</small> |
| Christmas Day | | 10am | Private Intention - PS |
| Sun 26 Dec | | 8am | The People of the Parish |
| Holy Family | | 10am | Richard Fox + |

Monthly Collection

Figures

November 2021

£1170.00 Standing Orders

£950.00 Cash

Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Post

Please feel free to use the letter rack in the Church Porch for Christmas Cards that you would like to leave for friends that you may not have yet seen or may not see over the next couple of weeks.

Please do check it regularly so that you don't miss any thing that is for you.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas



As we begin the final countdown to our Christmas celebrations for this year, it is so easy to get caught up in buying food and gifts, battling with wrapping paper and sticky-tape and putting up decorations around the house - if like me you haven't already put them up.

But with only a few days left, let us not lose focus on the true and central meaning of Christmas; the birth Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful week ahead and a Blessed and Happy Christmas when it comes. May the joy of our new born Saviour bring each of us, as well as our world, peace, as well as a new found trust in God.

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4

Response to the Psalm

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke: 1: 39-45

Parish Anniversaries

Giuseppe Nelli (2011), Elvira Cucurrullo (1974), Fr. Alfred S Bull (1980), Bernice Chaisty (2015), Richard Fox (2019), Richard Miller (1971), Eric Mountford (2004), Michael Dooley (1989), Gordon Potter (1968), Edward Marchant (2008), Joseph Dodds (1981), Claudio Fella (1988), Winifred Fisher (1998).

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Christmas Cards for Canon Matthew

I am aware that many in the parish would like to send a Christmas card to Canon Matthew. Therefore, I have been in touch with him and he is happy for me to publish his address for people to be in touch with him.

Please write to him at:

**The Presbytery, Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road,
Coventry, CV2 4BT**

Trial of Vigil Mass on a Saturday Evening

The trial of the Saturday evening Vigil Mass is going well. The numbers have increased week on week; from 8 the first week to 23 three weeks later. If you have a comment about this, please do speak to me as your opinion is greatly appreciated.

The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims.

Penitential Service for Advent

This year there will be a Penitential Service for the whole town.

This will take place at...

St. Pancras
Monday 20th December
at 7pm

This is a great opportunity for all the town to come together for confession and a time of reflection before the Christmas season begins.

Christmas Preparations in the Church



on

Wednesday 22 December at 11am



People are invited to come and join us in the Church for our Christmas preparations. This will include arranging flowers and greenery, but no experience is needed.

All parishioners are welcome to join us.

'Back With A Bang' - Sunday 2nd January 4pm

Cancelled

Considering the recent concerns about Covid Omicron, this has been cancelled. Hopefully it will be back with an even bigger bang in the future!

Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

Bringing joy this Christmas

Once again, we are joining FIND
(our local food bank)
in their Christmas Gift Appeal

This brings joy to people (especially children) all around Ipswich.

This year we need Gift Vouchers - £10 upwards (must have receipts, please)
£ vouchers (printed) are very welcome too

Plus the traditional, boxes of Biscuits, Sweets, Chocolates
Please bring them to Church:

We continue to collect for those in greater need.

Many thanks

Headteacher required Easter 2022 – St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Peterborough

The Governors of St John Henry Newman are delighted to be seeking to appoint a Headteacher for this new school from September 2022.

This is a tremendous opportunity for a Headteacher to establish grow and develop a new Catholic Primary School in the heart of Peterborough.

For further details please visit
www.st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk

Christmas Offering

As you may be aware, the Christmas and Easter collectins are the traditional personal gift from the Parish Community to the parish priest or priest administrator as we have in Fr. Paul.

For those using Giftaid envelopes, there is a special one in your box. Or you can use any envelope clearly marked as 'Christmas Gift' and return it at any time. If you pay by Standing Order/Bank Transfer, please mark this as Christmas Offering. There will also be a separate box at the back of Church for this purpose. We will ensure that it gets to Fr. Paul and the total raised will be published on the newsletter after the closing date.
Thank you for anything you are able to give.