

Mass Intentions

December 20th to December 28th

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| Saturday 20th | 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment) |
| | 6:00pm Paul Masterson (RIP) 21st Anniversary. |
| Sunday 21st | 9:00am Departed family and friends of the Blanche family. |
| | 11:00am B. S. Alfred (RIP) |
| Monday 22nd | No Mass Church Closed All Day |
| Tuesday 23rd | 9:00am Marriot Family Intentions. |
| Wednesday 24th | 9:00am Cynthia Pougnet (RIP) |
| | 5:30pm Children's Mass for the Parish |
| | 10:30pm Christmas Carols |
| | 11:00pm Midnight Mass for the Parish. |
| Thursday 25th | 9:00am For the Priests in the diocese. |
| | 11:00am For Mothers in the parish |
| Friday 26th | 9:00am Kathleen Buckley |
| | 7:00pm Adoration and Benediction. |
| Saturday 27th | 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment) |
| | 6:00pm Ngozi's Family intentions. |
| Sunday 28th | 9:00am Fr. Noel Doyle (RIP) |
| | 11:00am Jenkins Family intentions. |

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Giuseppe De Palma, Augustus Edwards, Louisa Travasso, Leroy Williams, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel n Antonella Rizzo Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Lucy Williams Jocelyn Hilaire, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul Marcus Elwin, Rizzo Enzo, Jimmy Lucy, Patricia Roberts, Isabel Edwards, Patricia Adams, Tony Charles, Paul Charles, Brinnette Belle



Anniversaries



Vincent Jordan, Cynthia Pougnet
Karen Trump, Margaret Nicholson
Paul Carey, Maria Iles

May they rest in Peace



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“God is with us...”

As we move through the final days of Advent, today's readings present us with two people going through difficult time. King Ahaz and St. Joseph. King Ahaz, the king of Judah, was frightened because he found himself in a desperate political and military situation. The northern kingdoms formed a powerful alliance and planned to attack Judah and to force the king out of his throne.

On the other hand, St. Joseph's struggle was more interior. He was profoundly disturbed because Mary, to whom he was betrothed, was with child. Being a just and devout man, he could have sensed the profound virtue and goodness of Mary. But how could he explain Mary's pregnancy. He knew that he was not the father of this child. And so, he was torn between what the law required in such situations and what his heart sensed of Mary's goodness. He resolved to do the most mercy thing he could think of to withdraw quietly.

In both cases God intervened. He invited Ahaz to ask for a sign. Ahaz was afraid to put God to the test, so God himself gave him a sign: “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call him Emmanuel.” When St. Joseph had already decided to quietly withdraw from Mary, an angel spoke to him in a dream: “Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.” Matthew then writes: “All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

Advent and Christmas remind us once again that God is truly with us in the nitty gritty routine of our daily life. There is a story of a little boy frightened by thunder. During a storm, he ran to his parents' room. His mother said: “Do not be afraid. God is with you.” He replied, “I know, but I want someone with skin on!” That is exactly what we celebrate in this grace filled season. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. In Jesus, God has “skin on.”

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6

Second reading - Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 1:23

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

Tabletop Sale & Buffet Breakfast

The Tabletop Sale and Buffet Breakfast was a wonderful occasion, We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped and run the event, as well as those who attended and took part in the day's activities. Special Thanks to **Madras Masala** for providing an outstanding buffet breakfast, which perfectly complemented the Table Top Sale and added to the enjoyment of the day.

It was difficult to judge the wonderful Christmas Bake off by the children so everyone won a prize - please collect after **11 am Mass.**

We are also thankful to those who were unable to attend but still supported us by making a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A total of **£980** was collected, with an additional **£20** yet to be received.

All funds will go towards purchasing equipment for our over 65 club.

Season's Greetings!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Flowers

It's the time of year when we are asking for your help with flowers to decorate our church and buy a Christmas tree. If you are able to help, we will be most grateful. A basket will be placed near the baptismal font this week, so just give what you can, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Donations for

Parish Mass

Books

The parish is in the process of replacing the current Mass Books Anyone who would like to donate to help with the cost can do so by

either;

Cheque

Made payable to:
Catholic Church
Chadwell Heath St.
Bedes

Online

Acc. No: 01017624
Sort Code: 40-13-22
HSBC

Thank you for your donations

God Bless You, Fr.
Henry

Offertory

13th & 14th December

Loose plate: **£308.08**

Envelope : **£288.67**

**Fr Henry would like to
thank you all**

Christmas Hampers

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our pupils, staff, and parents of our Catholic school community for their kindness, compassion, and generosity for the beautiful hampers.

If you or someone you know is finding things difficult due to the rising cost of living, hampers will be available after the **6:30 pm, 9 am, and 11 am Masses** on the **20th and 21st of December**. Please take 1 per family, if you do not need one, please take to a family or neighbour.

MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH- FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Due to the success of the Breakfast Buffet we are in discussion with the owner about having a once a month **3 courses Sunday lunch.**

If you have any ideas please let **Glenda** know - more to follow.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

The **Christmas Rota** is on the Notice boards.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Funeral notice: There will be a Funeral service for Joseph Christian Amoordon on Tuesday 30th December 2025 at St. Bede Catholic church. Time 10.45am. He lived at 34 Adelaide Gardens, Chadwell Heath, Romford. MHSRIP.

