

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH REGISTER:** Kindly note that we have now collated a new database of the Parish Register from the Parish Census forms received. To be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER, kindly complete the Census Form at the back of the Church, if you have not already done so, and hand it in at the Presbytery. **The old Register is now obsolete.** We require all old & new Parishioners to complete the form. **Data Protection** requires us to keep updated information. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS:** *Please donate generously towards the purchase of flowers to use on the Altar during Christmas.*

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Kindly note that the Diocesan requirement is one Mass Intention per Mass. Please ensure to book your mass intention well in advance to avoid any disappointment. Should your preferred date not be available, kindly choose another date. Many Thanks.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE:** 31ST DEC @ 8PM-1AM. Live music by John Hunt and Wild Fire. Food on sale. BYO—bring your own drinks. Tickets purchased before 1 Dec £20. Thereafter if available £25.

*Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time for preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.*

The Advent candles are part of a Christian tradition that marks the beginning of the Advent period, a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. The candles are usually arranged in wreath. 1st week PURPLE represents HOPE; 2nd week PURPLE represents LOVE; 3rd week PINK represents JOY; 4th week PURPLE represents PEACE & the WHITE candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

*In the second phase of Advent from 17th December, the Liturgy is more directly addressed to preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.*

### **Third Sunday of Advent** **JOY**

*In times of despair, we seek comfort in Your presence.  
We wait in hope for you.*  
**COME, LORD, SOURCE OF JOY.**

*Move us to be good news in our world and to stand  
alongside our sisters and brothers in need.*  
**COME, LORD, SOURCE OF JOY.**

*Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change so  
all people may rejoice and be glad.*  
**COME, Lord, SOURCE OF JOY.**



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Or call the Presbytery DURING OFFICE HOURS



## **WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (15TH DECEMBER 2024)**

**SUNDAY MASSES:** VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

**DAILY MORNING MASSES:** 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

**WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK**

**& ADORATION: 7:30PM; FRIDAY EVENING MASS: 7:30PM**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TUESDAY: 10AM—12NOON,**

**WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, SUNDAY: 4:30PM— 6:00PM**

**CONFESSIONS:** BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

**ROSARY:** EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)

**BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)**

### DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

**MONDAY— CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);**

**TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group**

**SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).**

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**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**



**Sick and Housebound:** Cherlez Philip; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Roy Alleyne; Uley Headlam; Daniele Arthurine Massamba; Ray Lobo, Rosaline Amalu, Clare Kedves, Terry Greene.

**Recently Deceased:** Felix Adah, Catherine Goba, Julieta Gomes, Joyce Blagrove, Maria Domingos Alberto, Omezie Mogbo, Fr Solomon Dankaro, Victor Owusu, Dawn Shaw, Ronald Roberts, Francis Godfrey Nyeko, Sr Celsus Nealon, Gabriel Kehinde Whenu, Fr Bernard Ashipu CSSp, Dorcas Baka, Annie Maloney, Prof. Roland Okor.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP:** will start every 2nd Sunday at 10:00am before the 10:30am mass. You are all very welcome to join Vincent Luu.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (15/12/24) YEAR C

 <p><b><u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u></b></p> <p><b><u>VIGIL / CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b></p>	6:00PM	RIP: Hubert Shepherd
	8:30AM	Birthday: Kelvin Asare
	10:30AM	RIP: Deceased members of the Agyepong & Osei Families
	4:30PM	90 Minutes with Jesus
	6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER</b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 7:30PM	RIP: Peter Green (Heavenly Birthday)
<b>TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER</b> <b><u>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</u></b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 10:15–12PM 7:30PM	Thanksgiving to the Reddiar Family & Birthday to Sr. Maria Priyanthi
<b>WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER</b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 7:30PM	Thanksgiving: Tessa Green & Arya Abbott RIP: Felix Adah
<b>THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER</b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 7:30PM	Birthday & Thanksgiving: Mwaka Mudenda
<b>FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER</b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 7:30PM	Ill & Deceased Friends & Family of Avril Carver
<b>SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER</b> <b><u>VIGIL MASS/CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>	10:00AM 6:30PM	Birthday: Veronica Addo RIP: Vincent Pobee (Heavenly Birthday & 20th Anniversary)

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	TITHE	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
£258.65	£342.00	£952.66	£1,553.31	£—	

**Last Sunday's Second Collection:** Christmas Flowers for the Church—£157.44  
St Cecilia's Musical Prayer Evening donation for Sleeping Bags for the Homeless & to support the Youth trip to Medjugorje: £615.62 [of which 20 sleeping bags worth £380 was purchased and given to the Franciscans of the Renewal to pass on to the homeless].

**PLEASE PICK UP A CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

### STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



**ONLINE DONATION & GIFT-AID:** *Could all those who donate through Standing Order & want to gift-aid their donations give a reference to enable the parish identify their donations, eg Gift-Aid number & Surname. If you have not filled a GAD form, please complete a form at the back of the church or see the secretary. Thank you*

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2024

### **MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> — 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Morning Masses — 9:30am  
Christmas Novena Masses (Days 2 to 6)— 7:30pm

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

Morning Mass— 10 am  
Christmas Clean—up: Parishioners welcome to come and lend a hand from 10:30am—12pm as we do a general cleaning of the Church and environment to prepare for Christmas.  
Vigil Mass/Christmas Novena Mass (Day 7) — 6:30pm

### **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday Morning Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and  
Sunday Evening Mass/Christmas Novena Mass (Day 8)— 6pm

### **MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

Morning Mass—9:30am  
Advent Reconciliation Service/Confessions—6pm –7:20pm  
Christmas Novena Mass (Day 9)—7:30pm

### **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

Morning Masses— 9:30am (Special Christmas Adoration/  
Confession after Mass)  
Christmas Vigil Mass 6:30pm  
Carol Service 11:30pm  
Christmas Midnight Mass 12am (Midnight)

### **WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

Masses— 8:30am & 10:30am  
CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS— 6:00pm

### **THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Mass— 10am (**Altar Servers' day in the Parish**)  
**DAYS WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

27<sup>TH</sup> (FEAST OF ST JOHN); 28<sup>TH</sup> (HOLY INNOCENTS)  
All morning Masses at 10 am

### **SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** **(FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)**

Masses: 6:30pm (Vigil), 8:30am & 10:30am and 6pm