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SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

	12TH	09:30	Dedication of our church	<i>Memorial</i>	Confirmation Candidates
SATURDAY	12th	18:00	Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Solemnity</i>	Ned Butler RIP
SUNDAY	13TH	08:30	Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Solemnity</i>	Family Members of FMM RIP
		10:00	Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
		12:00	Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Solemnity</i>	Sean & Michael Callahan RIP
MONDAY	14th		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	15th	09:30	Feria		Augustin & Wegryzn families RIP
WEDNESDAY	16th	09:30	Feria		Sr. Tien’s father RIP
THURSDAY	17th	09:30	Feria		Patricia Hall RIP
FRIDAY	18th	09:30	Feria		Rev. Tom Creagh-Fuller
SATURDAY	19th	09:30	Feria		Otis John Bellamy

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.



We pray for Alfred Owusu, Charlie McCusker, Seamus Craig and Mary Walsh who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for Mr and Mrs Black (Edward and Bobbie-Leigh) who were married in our Church on Friday. We ask God to shower them with blessings as they begin their married life together. As the end of the school term approaches we give thanks for all teachers, learning support staff, governors, administrative, catering, cleaning and premises staff at our school. We pray our children enjoy Christmas!

It’s a real privilege celebrating marriages but with Tier 2 restrictions (only 15 guests and face masks being worn) one would be forgiven for assuming this would put a dampener on things. How wrong could one be! It was a great joy to celebrate the marriage today of Edward and Bobbie-Leigh and to be inspired and moved by the words of the rite. The Rite of Marriage is powerful stuff and I am very often moved when celebrating it but, while it is often by the beautiful language of the vows, yesterday it was the profound truth of the final blessing over the married couple before they leave the Church which moved me: “May you be witnesses in the world to God’s charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.” As we prepare for Christmas and busy ourselves with so many tasks that are urgent may we be given the grace always to keep in mind what is important. Who is afflicted and needy at this time? Who have I thought about then forgotten to call or text? Lord Jesus Christ, who chose to be rejected as you were about to be born - to be turned away at the Inn - grant me light to see those whom I haven’t made room for in my life and help me in these days to do so with acts of kindness and love.

Parish Offertory

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Next Sunday’s Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
 Psalm: Luke 1:46-50,53-54
 Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28



PARISH NEWS

ADVENT REFLECTION: It was good to gather virtually for our Advent Reflection last week. I'm very grateful for the participation of parishioners in our readings and music. If you were unable to make it then you can watch the reflection [HERE](#) or the entire service [HERE](#).

CHRISTMAS MASSES: As in so many different ways, our celebration of Christmas will be different this year. Our Archbishop has advised that we avoid the celebration of a Midnight Mass in order to prevent the possibility of overcrowding and also placing a burden upon our Stewards to police entry. I have added a third Mass on Christmas Eve to cater for more people being able to attend. Masses of Christmas will, therefore, be celebrated at the following times:

Christmas Eve	-	Thursday 24th December 2020	-	4PM, 6PM, 9PM
Christmas Day	-	Friday 25th December 2020	-	9AM, 11AM

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES VIA THE LINKS ABOVE 🙌 [FROM WED 16TH!]:

Please click on the time of the Mass that you would like to attend above in order to book yourself or your family a place from this coming Wednesday. Our numbers will be limited to comply with social distancing and so it may well be that you are disappointed in your attempt to book the Mass you would prefer to attend. We will stream our 9pm Mass on 24th and 11am on 25th December.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in the Church Porch. The Christmas Offering is the major source of a priest's annual income and I'm grateful for whatever you are able to give.

SPECIAL GUEST NEXT SUNDAY (20TH DECEMBER) AT [10AM](#) AND [12PM](#) MASSES [BOOK NOW]!: I cannot reveal who will be joining us next Sunday but I heartily encourage you all to come to these Masses. Our numbers may well dwindle as a result of the school holidays (as well as the pandemic) so if you can come please do so in order to provide your warmest Corpus Christi welcome to our special guest.

CHRISTMAS WISHES: I'm conscious that many of you will be going away as the school holidays begin. It has been quite a year and I do hope that the Christmas period allows you to see family, rest and return to us refreshed for 2021. I will keep all of you in my prayers especially during the Christmas period and please remember to pray for me too. May each of you know by your experience of the sacred season of Christmas the presence of the new born Christ in your hearts! May you and your families be able to experience a time of true blessedness and peace! God bless!

iPAD REQUEST: In order to welcome more people into our Church we have successfully trialed the use of an iPad / tablet to register people upon arrival. Using this technology means we do not have to close online bookings so early giving people more opportunity to register their attendance. We really need two iPads (at least) so as to avoid long queues and if anyone could offer an old iPad / tablet for use for this purpose please get in touch.

"VINNIE PACKS" FOR THE HOMELESS: The St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) within our parish have sponsored a number of packs with cold weather essentials that can be handed out to the homeless. As in previous years, you are invited to sponsor one of these packs with a donation (suggested amount £4). You can donate via envelopes on your benches or via our [ONLINE DONATIONS](#). The packs are being stored within the parish and will be distributed to the homeless over the Christmas period.