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**Parish Secretary: Lisa**

**NEWSLETTER: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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| **MASS INTENTIONS: 4th – 10th December 2021** | |
| Saturday 12pm Mass | ***Sister Caroline Nicholas 60th Birthday*** |
| Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass | ***Patrick McGovern RIP Anniv*** |
| Sunday 8am Morning Mass | ***Joseph Keogh RIP*** |
| Sunday 10.30am Family Mass | ***Tekla Pawluk Int*** |
| Monday 9.15am Rosary & Mass | ***Josef Stec RIP*** |
| Tuesday 9.15am Rosary & Mass | ***Susan Mayhew Int Tina Browne Int Zoltan Torok RIP*** |
| Wednesday 9.15am Rosary & Mass | ***St Lucia Bouche RIP Lanre & Kemi Sanni Anniv*** |
| Friday 9.15am Rosary & Mass | ***Trevor & Family Int*** |

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION –** Fr Nathaniel will be available for individual confessions during Advent on the following days:

* Friday 10th December: 6.00pm – 7.00pm
* Saturday 11th December: 10.00am – 10.45am
* Tuesday 21st December: 10.00am – 10.45am

**BAPTISMS** – We welcome Estrea Noka and Leonardo Rey Mordy who are to be baptised this weekend. Blessings and congratulations to them and their families.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – Please remember to return your registrations forms by next Sunday 12th December. If you have not collected a form, they are available from our catechists after Mass, the Parish Office, or from the Headteacher at St Anthony’s School.



**ST ANTHONY’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – In conjunction with Burnham Concert Band, we invite you to an afternoon of music, carols, mince pies, mulled wine and raffle prizes! Put the date in your diaries – ***Sunday 19th December from 3pm***. Tickets will be on sale after Mass; £5 per ticket, children under 14 are free.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Our monthly 24-hour adoration will begin next Friday 10th after our morning Mass and conclude Saturday morning with Mass and Benediction at 9.30am. As usual, a rota will be available in the Narthex for those who wish to put their names down.

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**ST ANTHONY’S MUSIC GROUP AND MEMEBERS OF THE POLISH CHURCH** will be leading an hour of Taize and Reflective Music for the Season of Advent from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Church as part of the Parish’s monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners and visitors would be most welcome to join us.

**ATTENDING MASS –** To keep everyone safe, please can we encourage all parishioners to wear a mask when attending Mass. Thank you.

**SHARING OUR FAITH**:  Do you know any adult who is interested in becoming a Catholic? This might be a relative or friend.   If so, please encourage them to email the parish at [st.anthonyofpadua.parish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:st.anthonyofpadua.parish@hotmail.co.uk) or call the office on [01753 267918](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.co.uk%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dst%2Banthony%2527s%2Bchurch%2Bslough%26source%3Dhp%26ei%3D2UWfYaiSOI-sa4GjEg%26iflsig%3DALs-wAMAAAAAYZ9T6TToZIuVdvwL7W-SfzjSoeX-ja31%26gs_ssp%3DeJzj4tZP1zcsSUnLLSo3NGC0UjWoMLEwNzMzSUkzMjBPsTAztLQyqDBKTU41SUs0NjMwTDZMS7T0kiouUUjMK8nIz6tUL1ZIzigtSs5QKM7JL03PAACqDBja%26oq%3Dst%2Banthony%2527s%2Bchurch%2B%26gs_lcp%3DCgdnd3Mtd2l6EAEYADILCC4QgAQQxwEQrwEyBQgAEIAEMgUIABCABDILCC4QgAQQxwEQrwEyCwguEIAEEMcBEK8BMgsILhCABBDHARCvATILCC4QgAQQxwEQrwEyCwguEIAEEMcBEK8BMgsILhCABBDHARCvATIFCAAQgAQ6CAgAEIAEEMkDOgUIABCSAzoICAAQgAQQsQM6CwgAEIAEELEDEIMBOggILhCABBCxA1AAWMVWYIBsaABwAHgAgAGeBYgB7R2SAQsxLjQuNy4xLjAuMpgBAKABAQ%26sclient%3Dgws-wiz&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc9777d536ea648ee7a7108d9afed257c%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637734255330770938%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=6Oxuno64nCvE3sLwPZi3QsMcgC3rOzvs9LzRyS1S2qA%3D&reserved=0) . Our programme of preparation will run from January through until next Easter when we receive people into the church.

**ST ANTHONY’S CRYPT** – A huge ‘Thank You’ to a very kind and generous donor who paid for the new flooring in our Crypt. If you would like to book the crypt for parties etc, please email the parish office: [st.anthonyofpadua.parish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:st.anthonyofpadua.parish@hotmail.co.uk)

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SYNOD - As we mentioned last week, Pope Francis has formally opened a 2 year Synod for the universal Church.  The purpose of the Synod is to renew the Church.   The Synod asks all of us – priests, religious and lay people to come together and discern what we can do collectively towards making the Church more vibrant, and relevant to the needs of the present day.All parishes in the diocese are asked to be involved in this process and we will be announcing our Parish plans in the coming weeks.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –** For those who currently use offertory envelopes, you MUST inform our parish office if you wish to continue. So far, only one parishioner has requested a new box for next year. We will only order new envelopes for those who have put their name down. End of December is the deadline!

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Description automatically generatedCHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** – We will begin collecting again for SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern) via our Giving Tree to help homeless people receive a gift at Christmas. Please take a label and purchase the item on that label, wrap up the gift with the label on the outside, and return it to Mass the following week. SHOC will come and collect these gifts and distribute it to homeless people for Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and generosity and together we can help everyone enjoy the season of goodwill.

**LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY** – Loose £244, Envelopes £60, Standing Orders £508. **Total £812** for which ‘thank you’.

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** To contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) please email: safeguarding@stanthonyslough.com.

**STANDING ORDERS** – For those who wish to give their weekly offertory by standing order, the details are:

**Account Name: St Anthony’s, Account Number: 86098853, Sort Code: 60-06-11** Please use your name as reference.

***Have a good week, Fr Nathaniel***