

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 21 st December –	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd December – Fourth Sunday Advent	9am	Frank Rangel
	11am	Kerry & Patrick Hammond
Monday 23 rd December – Feria	9am	Dory Corry
Tuesday 24 th December – Feira	10am	George Waidson (RIP)
Christmas Vigil Mass The Nativity of the Lord	6.30pm	Deceased Members of the Moodie Family
Midnight Mass Carols from 11.30pm	12.00am	Jean Smith (RIP)
Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day	9am	Paul Tolhurst (RIP)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 26 th December – St Stephen	10am	Mrs E Abrahams (RIP)
Friday 27 th December – St John	10am	Patrick Kearney (RIP)
Saturday 28 th December – Holy Innocents	10am	Mrs Teresa Pitman

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (A)

Saturday 28 th December –	6.30pm	Intentions of Sisters Jude & Rosario
Sunday 29 th December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9am	Mary Rice
	11am	Patrick Keogh (RIP)

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

Psalter: Week 4

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am and 5.30pm -6.00pm.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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21st & 22nd December 2019

Dear Friends,

In the fuss of Christmas business, let us take time to thank God for his blessings and turn to him for light in our darkness. The circle of the Advent wreath is now complete. Four candles are lighting.

In the Liturgies of the last few weeks, the Church has been calling us to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. He came on earth so that we might be free to become what we were created to be: Children of God. In his life is our life.

Let us acknowledge our sinfulness, which blocks the God of hope entering our lives. This week we have an opportunity to take time to look at our attitudes and actions and ask if they hinder the work of justice and peace. What values do I have? This weekend there will be ample opportunity to be reconciled with God and neighbour in the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass

Let us not pass over God's gift of hope to us.

Amen.

*Have a good week
God Bless*

Fr Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison Frances Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey. Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Sue & John Doherty. Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU

PARISH FINANCES

14th & 15th December 2019

Loose

£ 410.17

Envelopes

£614.66

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 4th January 2020 at 4pm

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held on Thursday the 9th January 2020, at 7pm.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA): Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly session, which takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Training for New and Established Readers: On Saturday 18th January from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Parish Hall there will be a training session for readers.

Vocations: 27th December Students and Enquirers for the priesthood Mass and gathering at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Leigh on Sea 12.00pm

Sacred Heart of Mary School: are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly effective Examinations and Data Manager for the school. Applications are invited from those with experience of managing and processing data. Start Date March 2020 please contact the school at admin@mary.havering.sch.uk for information

Christmas Cards: Will be distributed again this weekend, giving the times of the services. Please take a copy, or please take a few to give to your family or neighbours.

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance will be on 15th January 2020 from 13.30 to 16.30 music by Finbar Black. Admission £5 including refreshments. Thank you to all who have supported the tea dance. Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

St Alban's School : We wish all our staff and students a restful break. The School reopens on 6th January 2020

St Nicholas Church: Are having a Carol service on the fourth Sunday in Advent 22nd December at 6.30pm All are welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be available to all parishioners after all Masses this weekend. What better way to welcome the Saviour than by experiencing his healing love and forgiveness in this sacrament.

Learning Mentor and Pastoral Support Vacancy: St Joachim's Catholic Primary School, part of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust Shipman road, Custom House E16 3DT. Telephone 0207 476 1658 email jobs@stjoachims.newham.sch.uk Start date 24th February 2020 (or earlier) 36 hours a week – Term time only – Qualified scale point 5 £24,462 - £25809 (pro rata) Tests and interviews will take place Friday 17th January 2020. Application forms can be obtained from the above website or email address. Completed forms should be returned to St Joachim's by 5pm Friday 10th January 2020.

Vacancies in Finance Dept : Two vacancies in Brentwood Finance Dept have arisen full details of Jobs and descriptions can be obtained at recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org . The first is for a Management Accountant 35 hours a week £30,000 to £35,000pa. The second is for Finance Assistant 35 hours a week salary £25,000pa. Applications in to the same web address by Sunday 12th January 2020, Interviews are expected week commencing 20th January 2020

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: When the Blessed Sacrament is on the Altar please show your respect by not talking in Church. If you need to speak to someone please make sure you are outside before you start chatting.