

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass comes up on Monday 13th at 7pm. All who serve our parish community in any capacity are to attend.

Diocesan Guidelines On Covid (Latest): With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible. That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the church-

es will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

Parish Christmas Confessions/Penitential Service will be held Tuesday 21st at 7pm. There would be guest priests so all are encouraged to come.

Christmas raffle prize winners:

Hamper: Jessie Mullee. **Biscuit baking kit:** Jane Saines. **Rhubarb & ginger gin:** KC. **Rhubarb & ginger gin:** Rita Avanzi. **Gordon's gin:** Milly. **McGuigan chardonnay:** Michael Kelly. **Bostani chocolates:** Lisa Pablot. **Ferrero collection:** Maria Piroli. **Ferrero collection:** Frances Quinn. **Biscuits & chocolates stack:** Tracey Shevlin. **£5 John Lewis gift voucher:** Valentine Olayemi. Please collect your prize from the parish office during office hours. Thank you, everyone, for your support.

Parish Office closes from Friday 24th at 3pm to reopen on Tuesday 4th Jan. The priests will be available for essential services and Masses during the period would be held as usual. We want to thank our Parish Office Team (POT) for their gracious and selfless service through the year.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Dec. 19th, Jan. 9th at 10.15am. Please enter through the parish car park.

Christian Stewardship: (28th November 2021)

Envelopes: £190. **Loose:** £285.75. **Contactless:** £118.86. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

December Diary

Monday 13th 7pm: **Parish Volunteer's Thanksgiving Mass.**

Tuesday 21st 7pm: **Christmas Penitential Service and Confessions. Guest priests will be available.**

Christmas Liturgy


Friday 24th 6.30pm **Vigil/Children's Mass.**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

Saturday 25th (**Christmas Day**): **Masses at 9am and 11.30am.** No evening Mass

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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

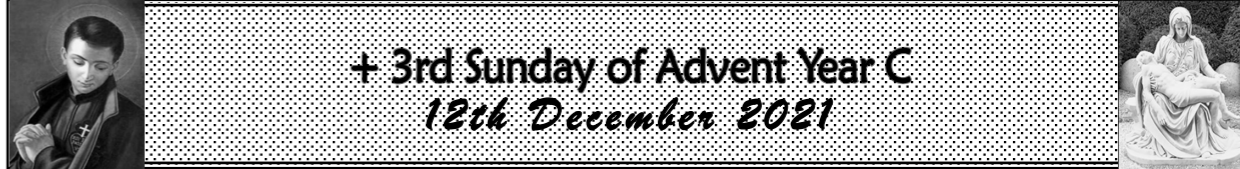


Doug was leaving church after Christmas services when Father McCarthy took him aside. "Douglas, my son," he said, "it's time you joined the Army of the Lord. We need to see you every Sunday." "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father," Doug replied. "Then why do we only see you on Christmas and Easter?" Doug looked to the right and to the left, and then leaned over to whisper in Father McCarthy's ear. "I'm in the Secret Service."



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+ 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C
12th December 2021

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Waiting In Anticipation

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent or the 'GAUDETE' Sunday. We have just one week left in this penitential season of Advent before the Christmas. We are invited today by the Church to anticipate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in majesty with great joy. Our Gospel of today's Mass is a proclamation of Joy and the first reading, an invitation to joy, captured by the prophecy of Zephaniah. Anticipation is one of the moods of today's readings. Anticipation is looking forward to some future event. The anticipated event is almost certain to happen and it arouses in us considerable thought and feeling. We eagerly anticipate important moments in our lives like graduations, weddings, first holy communion, and confirmation; we get all excited about things like the new model of a brand of vehicle or a new movie in town; we waited 75 years in anticipation of the return of Halley's comet. Every day we see people waiting. Some we see waiting for the arrival of a bus; we find others waiting for the opening of a meeting; we find others waiting for the arrival of a person. You can notice a great difference between people waiting; some wait with bored faces, some even in sadness, while others wait with joy on their faces. In which way do we wait, during this time of waiting which is called 'Advent'? Should we belong to those who wait in sadness or to those who wait with a sense of joy? The hymns and readings of this third Sunday of Advent give a resounding reply: '*Shout for joy*' while you wait! '*Be happy, always happy in the Lord.*'

Mass Times & Intentions

12th – 18th December 2021

Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Kathleen Stokes, May O'Sullivan (RIP), Charlie & Sophie McFadden, Steve Dunworth (ANN)

Sun 12th 9:00am: Janet & Adrian Betham, Essien-Oku family (INT)

11:30am: Caroline de Vasconcellos, Amanda Sloane (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey (1st), Gerald Walsh (69th), Rita Browne (ANN), Grant Harwood (INT)

6:30pm: Caroline Earley (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa (INT)

Mon 13th St. Lucy 12 noon: Neville Taylor, Caroline Earley de Vasconcellos, Theresa Burke (RIP), Valerie Ross (ANN)

Tue 14th St. John of the Cross 12 noon: Elizabeth Hearle (RIP), Terry Knott, Bridget Moran, Christina Moran, Kathleen Moran (ANN), Alan Wilson (INT)

Wed 15th 12 noon: Fr Ray Armstrong (INT)

Thur 16th 12 noon: Green & Waldron families (INT)

Fri 17th 12 noon: Maureen Ricketts, Caroline Earley de Vasconcellos (RIP)

Sat 18th 12 noon: Maria Solari (ANN), Lucy Coelho-Brown, Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnally, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead,

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday**

Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Is 12:2-6)

R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay! A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to your unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold our God will come, and he will save us.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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