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Sunday 22nd December 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2019 to EPIPHANY 5th January 2020

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 22nd December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Parish Mass Book – Page 90)

6.15pm (Saturday 21st December 2019)

Mario Rodrigues RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Bridgit Joyce RIP

11.30am Thanksgiving –

Mateusz Kozlowski

4pm Benediction

5pm Mai Cummins RIP

Monday 23rd December 2019

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Veronica & Christopher

Nwabueze RIP

Tuesday 24th December 2019

Christmas Eve - day

7.30am Thanksgiving – Ohen family

10am Phyllis McGurdy RIP

Christmas Eve – evening & night

6pm Children's Nativity Tableau

6.15pm Children's Mass

Children of the parish

(Parish Mass Book – Page 95)

11.30pm Christmas Carols

(With the Polyphony Choir)

12 Midnight Mass of Christmas

(Parish Mass Book – Page 98)

(Also, Special Booklet to use and keep)

People of the Parish

(Polyphony Choir singing)

Wednesday 25th December 2019

Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

(Parish Mass Book – Page 103)

8.30am Joseph John Murphy RIP

10am Thanksgiving – David Breese

11.30am People of the parish

(NB: No Benediction)

(NB: No 5pm Mass)

Thursday 26th December 2019

St Stephen, the first Martyr (Feast)

(NB: No 7.30am Mass)

10am Gabriel Migale RIP

Friday 27th December 2019

St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10am John Bethune RIP

8pm Denis Flood RIP

Saturday 28th December 2019

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10am Maria Nguyen Thi Bay RIP

Sunday 29th December 2019

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Parish Mass Book – Page 106)

6.15pm (Saturday 28th December 2019)

Daryl Desa RIP

8.30am Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

11.30am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Monday 30th December 2019

7.30am Oghosa Ogbeide-Ihama RIP

10am Rosa Thomas Warwick RIP

Tuesday 31st December 2019

(NB: No 7.30am Mass)

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

12 Midnight People of the parish

Wednesday 1st January 2020 – Solemnity

of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Parish Mass Book – Page 109)

(NB: No 7.30am or 10am Masses)

12 Noon People of the parish

Thursday 2nd January 2020

Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and

Doctors of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Intentions of Mrs Pat Luddy -

Christmas blessings

10am Intentions of Sheila Allen &

Eileen and John Carol

Friday 3rd January 2020

The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Memorial)

7.30am Theresa Ndika RIP

10am Mary Parle RIP

12.15pm – Funeral of Aricie Lalande

8pm Intentions of Sr St Thomas More M.C.

Saturday 4th January 2020

10am For all those souls who have

nobody to pray for them

Sunday 5th January 2020 – Solemnity of

The Epiphany of the Lord

(Parish Mass Book – Page 115)

6.15pm (Saturday 4th January 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am Intentions of Rose & Tony Storey

10am Jennifer Hennie RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am The Holy Souls

(Polyphony Choir singing)

1pm Polish Mass

Intentions of Magdalena Bedkowska

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of Alan & Anita Blaquiere

Monday 6th January 2020

7.30am Thanksgiving – Judith Ohen

10am Diana, Donald &

Michael Kearney RIP

Tuesday 7th January 2020

7.30am Intentions of Daniele

D'Souza-Garabello (birthday)

10am Josephine & William Quinn RIP

8pm First Holy Communion Meeting

for parents in the Retro Chapel

Wednesday 8th January 2020

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Funeral of Kathleen Flood

Thursday 9th January 2020

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Nuala Swatman RIP

Friday 10th January 2020

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Fotios & Alexandra Gatzios RIP

8pm Annie Gillespie RIP

Saturday 11th January 2020

10am First Holy Communion

Inaugural Mass

(NB: No confessions after this Mass;

Confessions as usual 5pm – 6pm)

Sunday 12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 118)

SPUC White Flower Appeal at all Masses

6.15pm (Saturday 11th January 2020)

Ana Fernandes RIP

8.30am Intentions of Alan Blaquiere

10am Eugene Shihemi RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am John Mernagh RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Daily Mass & Prayer

***Mass: Monday – Friday @ 7.30am**

***Morning Prayer of the Church:**

Monday – Saturday @ **9.15am**

***Adoration & Benediction:**

Monday – Saturday @ **9.30am**

***Mass: Monday – Saturday @ 10am**

***Mass: Friday @ 8pm**

***Rosary: Monday – Saturday @ 10.30am**

***Confessions:**

Saturdays, after 10am Mass, until 11am;

Then from 5pm to 6pm.

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period, reopening on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Your patience in awaiting a reply is greatly appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kathleen Flood**, widow of John Flood. Her funeral will take place here on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 10am. Our prayers and condolences as a parish go to the family.

Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £1948.00

(£1298.00 Baskets; £650.00 Standing Orders).

Details of the collections from now until the New Year will appear in the 11th/12th January 2020 edition.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Please take away one of our Christmas Cards.

Please also take a special Christmas Offering Envelope. By tradition, the collection at Christmas is shared between the priests of the parish. Gift Aid givers are reminded that there is a dedicated light blue envelope in their boxes. Those Gift Aid givers who would prefer to use one of the special envelopes mentioned above are asked to write their Gift Aid number clearly on the front.

FATHER DEO'S HOLIDAY

Fr Deo is off for his annual spring trip home to Tanzania.

He will be away from Wednesday 8th January 2020, returning Thursday 23rd January 2020.

During Father Deo's Absence, we shall be welcoming Canon Collins for the 10am & 11.30am Masses on Sundays, with additional help during the week from

Fr David Standley whenever Fr Tomasz is absent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020 Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8pm

Introductory meeting for all **parents and guardians** in the Retro Chapel of the church. It is most important that all parents and guardians attend this meeting. Dates for each child's First Holy Communion will be given once again.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This takes place on the weekend of 11th & 12th January 2020. Please give generously to this most admirable cause.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year we shall be sending your Christmas Crib offerings to the Friends of the Holy Land. This charity provides practical help and support to vulnerable Christians across the Holy Land, that is the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Please see: <https://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARESICK, UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Delphine Fernandes, Michael Fogarty; Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

Church Cleaning:

Group 5, this Christmas week please:

Group 6, Holy Family week please;

Group 1, Epiphany week please;

Group 2, Baptism of the Lord week please.

A BIG THANKYOU

As this newsletter goes to print, we are just days away from Christmas. Huge thanks go to the many people who have helped to decorate the church, the trees, and the crib.

Last weekend's Carol Concert was very well received.

Everybody has prepared for their various roles and all is ready for the Church to welcome Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour as he enters into history in the humble stable at Bethlehem.

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020

Introductory Meeting 15th January 2020

Bishop Thomas Grant School at 7.30pm

Bishop Pat Lynch SS CC will be conferring the Rite of Confirmation at St Bartholomew's on Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020 at 12noon. Applications have now closed. The programme to help Candidates prepare to receive this Sacrament will commence on **Wednesday 15th January 2020**

**from 7.30pm - 9pm at Bishop Thomas Grant RC School,
Belltrees Grove, Streatham, London, SW16 2HY**

This Introductory meeting is for all parents, guardians and candidates who have submitted application forms.

The meeting will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School in their main hall, at which meeting the programme will be announced. We ask the Parish to keep the Confirmation Candidates and their families in their prayers during the Confirmation Programme. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire the Candidates to listen for and answer God's call. We also ask for your prayers that the Good Lord will send more workers into the Vineyard. If you wish to become a catechist, to help deliver the Confirmation Programme, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible, as DBS checks are required.

See: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/confirmation-preparation.html>

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

After a very successful 2019, with grateful thanks for your support, the Social Committee invites you to come forward, via the Parish Office, to help them with their efforts in 2020.