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Sunday 20th December 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT TO SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sea Sunday – Special envelopes available

6.15pm (Saturday 19th December 2020)

Bridget & James Cassidy RIP.

8.30am Thanksgiving –

Bernadette Fernandes.

11.30am Fr Deodat Msahala's

40th Anniversary of Ordination.

5pm People of the parish.

Monday 21st December 2020

10am Pietro Mobile RIP.

PVT The Holy Souls.

Tuesday 22nd December 2020

10.00 Thanksgiving – 80th birthday of

Ruth Theodora Kamalagharan.

PVT The Holy Souls.

Wednesday 23rd December 2020

10am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP.

PVT The Holy Souls.

Thursday 24th December 2020

Christmas Eve

10am Intentions of David Breese.

PVT All those alone at Christmas.

6.15pm The Nativity of the Lord

(Solemnity) - Vigil Mass

People of the parish.

12 Midnight. The Nativity of the Lord

(Solemnity) - Mass during the Night

People of the parish.

Friday 25th December 2020

Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord

(Solemnity) - Mass during the day

8.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP.

10am People of the parish.

11.30am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP.

NB: No 5pm Mass today.

Saturday 26th December 2020

St Stephen the first Martyr (Feast)

10am Deceased relatives of

Sabina and Richard Bush.

(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

Sunday 27th December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph (Feast)

6.15pm (Saturday 26th December 2020)

Hope for the Coronavirus vaccine.

8.30am Blessings on all parish families.

11.30am People of the parish

5pm For all expectant mothers.

Monday 28th December 2020

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10am Daryl Desa RIP.

PVT Ron Francis RIP.

Tuesday 29th December 2020

St Thomas of Canterbury,

Bishop & Martyr (Feast)

10am Abraham Gandhi RIP.

PVT Thanksgiving and special intention

(Muoghalu family)

Wednesday 30th December 2020

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune.

PVT Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP.

Thursday 31st December 2020

10am Jacob & Anna (Gilly) Fernandes

65th Wedding Anniversary,

PVT Lodomila Vaz RIP.

Friday 1st January 2021

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(First Friday of the month)

10am Annie & Eamon Gillespie RIP.

PVT People of the parish.

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops and Doctors of the Church

(Memorial)

10am For all our Confirmation candidates.

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

6.15pm (Saturday 2nd January 2021)

For all the children of this parish.

8.30am For all our Key Workers.

11.30am Jacob & Anna (Gilly) Fernandes

(65th Wedding Anniversary)

5pm People of the parish.

Current Mass Schedule

***Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;**

***Confessions: Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until approximately 11.30am;**

***Sunday Masses: (Saturday Vigil 6.15pm);
8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm.**

TODAY IS ALSO SEA SUNDAY

This was postponed from July. Special

envelopes are available in the porch.

You may Gift Aid donations.

Please visit: [Sea Sunday - Stella Maris](#)

To give online, please go to:

[Donate - Stella Maris](#)

or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00.

Pray for all Seafarers, who often have to

spend months at a time away from home.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO FR DEO & FR AUGUSTINE

By tradition, the collection at Christmas is shared between the priests of the parish. Please take a special Christmas Offering Envelope, only if you are not a member of the Gift Aid scheme. They are in short supply. Gift Aid givers are kindly asked to use the dedicated GREEN Christmas envelope in their boxes or packs. If you use any other envelope, please be sure to write your Gift Aid number clearly on the front.

Archbishop John has decided that, due to the dramatic fall in income brought about by the Coronavirus, that the collections for the two Sundays after Christmas (December 27th 2020 and January 3rd 2021) will also be your personal gift to your priests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

OUR ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the Fourth candle, the final purple one, on our Advent wreath. This 'Angels' Candle' or 'Peace Candle', recalls the appearance of the angels to the shepherds, telling of Peace on Earth – that true Peace which would be brought about by the birth of Jesus.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This takes place the weekend of 9th & 10th January 2021.

Please give generously to this most admirable cause, which stands to defend the unborn from abortion.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office remains closed for the time being, and continues to be manned remotely, on an intermittent basis. Please phone, email or send a message via the Contact Form on our web site. Please wait patiently for a reply.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Last Tuesday, Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph, running from 8 December 2020

until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the

150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Please see: [Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph - Vatican News](#)

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please support CAFOD to provide help transform the lives of our brothers and sisters overseas who are not as fortunate as ourselves: [CAFOD World Gifts – CAFOD World Gifts](#)

You may Gift Aid your contributions at the same time.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Since we cannot accept Crib Offerings at the crib itself, please make a donation directly to Friends of the Holy Land. You may do this online. Again, you may Gift Aid your donations. Please see: [Friends of the Holy Land](#)

STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE

Please set up a Standing order if your financial circumstances allow. Those of you who received full boxes of envelopes will find inside a Standing Order Form.

Standing Orders currently assure us of just **£750.00** per week (figure to be revised). Please contact the Parish Office for details of Standing Orders and to enquire about the Gift Aid Scheme. Please see the Home Page of our Web Site.

THE REPOSITORY & PARISH DIARY 2021

The diary is still available from the Repository. Whilst there is no charge, please consider making a small offering. This is your last opportunity to purchase Christmas items!

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2021

Please wait for information until plans have been made.

We simply cannot accept any registrations at this point.

A WORD OF THANKS

In spite of the Coronavirus, the Church has been beautifully prepared for Christmas; The Crib is up, the tree has been decorated, and the Stewards have worked tirelessly, along with our cleaners, to ensure a COVID safe environment. Our sincere thanks to all our faithful volunteers. We also thank all those who have come along to Mass, and for private prayer. whatever the weather, whenever we have been able to open, as made possible by our stewards. May all our parishioners have a happy 2021, as we look forward to the day when we can open fully.



'Nativity' by Lorenzo Lotto (1480-1556/7)

*Come and worship Christ,
The new born King!*

*May the blessing of the Christ Child
enrich your life this Christmas
and through the coming year.*

*Fr Deodat Msahala,
Fr Augustine Ghado
& Deacon Ged Perkins.*



A typical household crib, as inspired by St Francis of Assisi.