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Sunday 19th December 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT to THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9th January 2022

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

3rd purple candle lit on Advent Crown

6.15pm (Saturday 18th December 2021)

Oliva Msahala RIP

8.30am Angelo Orlandazzi RIP

10am Deceased members of Menezes and D'Costa families

11.30am People of the parish

(Plainchant Choir singing)

2.30pm Christmas Carol Service

with the Polyphony Choir

5pm Teresa Jiang Ren Qiu RIP

Monday 20th December 2021

7.30am Jim Hughes RIP

10am Mario Rodrigues RIP

11am Requiem for Jim Hughes

Tuesday 21st December 2021

7.30am Intentions of Victor Mardell

10am Pietro Mobile RIP

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

7.30am Sheila Newman RIP

10am Jim Hughes RIP

12 Noon Requiem for

Manuel Alexandre

Thursday 23rd December 2021

DAY OF PENITENCE

7.30am Good health – Shaughnessy family

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

After 10am Mass, Confessions all day, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Closing with Benediction at 7.30pm

Friday 24th December 2021

Christmas Eve

7.30am For healing & the Intentions of Muoghalu family (Novena)

10am Jim Hughes RIP

6.15pm Children of the parish

11.30pm Carols with Polyphony Choir

12 Midnight - People of the parish

(Polyphony Choir singing)

(NB: No Confessions today)

Saturday 25th December 2021 (Solemnity)

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.30am Joseph John Murphy RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am John Tuohy RIP

(NB: No Confessions; No evening Mass)

Sunday 26th December 2021 (Feast)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8.30am Sevenima Orlandazzi RIP

10am For healing & the Intentions of Muoghalu family (Novena)

11.30am People of the parish

5pm Intentions of Elizabeth Power

Monday 27th December 2021 (Feast)

St John, Apostle and Evangelist

7.30am Jim Hughes RIP

10am Jacki Mather RIP & Ron Mather

Tuesday 28th December 2021 (Feast)

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7.30am Paul Fox RIP

10am Daryl Desa RIP

Wednesday 29th December 2021 (Feast)

St Thomas of Canterbury,

Bishop & Martyr

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Deceased relatives and friends of Richard & Sabina Bush

Thursday 30th December 2021

7.30am Monica Jones RIP

10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

Friday 31st December 2021 (Memorial)

St John Bosco

7.30am Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10am November Deceased List

12 Midnight - People of the parish

Saturday 1st January 2022 (Solemnity)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

12 Noon - People of the parish

Sunday 2nd January 2022

6.15pm (Saturday 1st January 2022)

Kitty Parker RIP

8.30am William Menezes RIP

10am Thanksgiving - Ohen family

11.30am People of the parish

(Polyphony Choir singing)

5pm For healing & the Intentions of

Muoghalu family (Novena)

Monday 3rd January 2022 (Memorial)

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

7.30am Theresa Ndika RIP

10am For healing & the Intentions of

Muoghalu family (Novena)

Tuesday 4th January 2022 (Memorial)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

7.30am For healing & the Intentions of Muoghalu family (Novena)

10am John Quigley RIP

Wednesday 5th January 2022

7.30am Thanksgiving – Judith Ohen

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

Thursday 6th January 2022 (Solemnity)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7.30am For healing & the Intentions of

Muoghalu family (Novena)

10am Jim Hughes RIP

Friday 7th January 2022 (Memorial)

St Raymond of Penyafort

First Friday of the month

7.30am Intentions of the Ndika family

10am For healing & the Intentions of

Muoghalu family (Novena)

Saturday 8th January 2022

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Sunday 9th January 2022 (Feast)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SPUC White Flower Appeal at all Masses

6.15pm (Saturday 8th January 2022)

For healing & the Intentions of

Muoghalu family (Novena)

8.30am The Holy Innocents

10am Intentions of Matthew Griffin

11.30am Joe Moynihan RIP

5pm People of the parish

OUR NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am.

Monday – Saturday: 10am.

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until approx 11.30am.

(and at call, where a priest is available)

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Ian Fitzgerald,

who died suddenly on

Friday 10th December 2021.

Ian was the eldest brother of Colleen Lacey. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Track & Trace Forms apply Sundays,

Saturday evenings, Holidays & funerals.

Our sincere thanks to our stewards for their dedication.

Please follow stewards' instructions.

If the church becomes too full, please accept that there is a possibility that you may be turned away. Of course, we hope this does not become necessary.

The Sunday obligation remains suspended.

If you feel ill in any way, please stay away. Don't risk spreading COVID. Remember to sanitise your hands.

Always wear your mask correctly, covering your nose and mouth. Please advise stewards if you are exempt.

Please don't gather outside the church.

Observe social distancing of 1 metre.

Please refrain from kissing statues.

Please help stop the spread of COVID. Please inform us if you test positive. The Corona virus is very much still in circulation, with the number of cases on the rise.

"HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR"

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Please take away one of our Christmas Cards, pictured below. These give full information on all Masses and events right through to 2nd January 2022. Please also take a special Christmas Offering Envelope. By tradition, the collection at

Christmas is shared between our priests. Those Gift Aid givers who would prefer to use one of the special envelopes mentioned above should write their Gift Aid number clearly on the front, in the special box provided. Otherwise, there is a Christmas Offering Envelope in Gift Aid boxes and packs.

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. See: <https://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/>

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

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Philip Chapman, Rosemary Clark, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This takes place on the weekend of 8th & 9th January 2022.

Please give generously to this most admirable cause which exists in a society that does not value human life.

A BIG THANKYOU

As this newsletter goes to print, we are just days away from Christmas. We are grateful to those who have provided the Christmas trees both the one outside (25ft tall!!) and the one inside the church. Huge thanks go to the many people who have helped to decorate the church, the trees, and the crib, also the

Polyphony Choir for their beautiful singing throughout, remembering that they will also be singing at this afternoon's Christmas Carol Service at 2.30pm. Everybody has prepared for their various rôles, and all is ready for the Church to welcome Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, as we recall his entry into human history, through his birth in the humble stable at Bethlehem. He who would declare, "I am the Bread of Life" was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, which happens to be the French verb 'to eat'. Bethlehem itself is known, in the Hebrew language, as the 'House of Bread'.

Let us pray earnestly for an end to the ongoing COVID situation, and a return to normal life as soon as possible.

We also thank you for your kindness in sending us Christmas cards and gifts, which continue to arrive at the presbytery.

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period, due to reopen on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Your patience in awaiting a reply is greatly appreciated.

GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offering at no extra cost to you! You may download a Standing Order form here: <https://bit.ly/3ExB8aM>
Year End Letters should be available during January 2022.

ADVENT WREATH

This weekend, we light the third purple candle, which represents joy. Named the Angel's Candle, it reminds us of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Angel Gabriel. We thank God for Mary's "yes". We light the large white central candle on Christmas Night.



Our Parish Christmas Card: Nativity scene, stained glass in the Church of St. Catherine, Bethlehem.

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