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Sunday 4th December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 4th December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd December 2022)

Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Intentions of Victoria Furtado

11.30am In thanksgiving for the

Polyphony Choir

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Rosary and Benediction

5pm Albert Rego RIP

Second Week of Advent

Monday 5th December 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Deceased members and relatives
of the Gazza family

10am Filipina Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 6th December 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Intentions of Fr Deo

10am Joao Lourenco Fernandes RIP

Wednesday 7th December 2022 (Mem)

Saint Ambrose, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Nicholas Harold Bethune RIP

Thursday 8th December 2022 (Solemnity)

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7.30am Deceased members and relatives
of the Howard family

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

8pm First Communion Parents' Meeting

Friday 9th December 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am John James Tonra RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 10th December 2022 (Memorial)

Our Lady of Loreto

10am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

Sunday 11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

(The Rose candle on our Advent Wreath is lit)

6.15pm (Saturday 10th December 2022)

Anna Dorian RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am SVP Intention

11.30am Gino Ippoliti RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

5pm Bridget Curtin RIP

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass:** Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession:** Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

***Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6.15pm);

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

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Amelia Demby;

Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,

Terry Folorunso; Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, 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,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo.

OUR ADVENT CROWN

Today, we light the second purple candle, known as the 'Bethlehem' candle, representing the journey made by Our Lady and St Joseph to the town of Bethlehem, where Jesus would be born.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Anne Marie Ishrani Naraine,
of Tankerville Road, who died on
Monday 17th October 2022.

Pa Jonathan Paul Omobude Ekuase
who died recently, being the father of
Solomon Paul Ekuase.

Our condolences and prayers, as a
parish, go to the families.

MASS COVER

Once again, with thanks, we welcome
Father Augustine (Gus) Kinnane,
to say the 8.30am & 10am Masses.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY

Do come along after all morning Masses
and support **Ariana Kojie**, one of our
Explorers, selected to participate in the
Scouting World Jamboree in South Korea
in August 2023. We'll be selling home-
made cakes! Ariana has a funding page
at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/south-korea-2023-jamboree-fundraiser>.

LAST SUNDAY'S COFFEE MORNING

Massive thanks from **Max and Alex** who
raised, through your generosity, £305.00,
towards their Gambia trip, with further
monies promised. Special thanks to **Peter
and Eme** for baking such amazing cakes!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

**NB: important introductory meeting for
parents and guardians in the church this
Thursday 8th December 2022 at 8pm.**

SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is
Teresa Furtado. To contact Teresa
on Safeguarding matters only,
please call her on: 07933 614589.

FATHER DEO

Father Deo remains under strict medical
orders to rest his foot following further
surgery last Tuesday. His recovery will
take a good while. He thanks you for all
your good wishes and asks for your
continued prayers at this time.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next meeting of the UCM will be on
Monday 12th December 2022 at 2pm.

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St. James the Great School are holding their annual fundraising Christmas Market this Sunday from 11.00am-3.00pm. There will be Gift Stalls, Tombolas, Cakes & Bakes, Children's Activities, Santa, International Food Stalls, Raffles and lots more! All are welcome.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give a gift of hope this Christmas!

You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts on behalf of others this Christmas from the catalogue in the porch or online at: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>
You may also click on the QR code below. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.



CAFOD NATIVITY FUN RUN

Please see the poster in the porch for this CAFOD fundraiser, taking place on Saturday 10th December 2022.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Please support the Archbishop's Appeal
Online: rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal;

Or scan this QR code:



You can telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: **020 7960 2504**.
For Cash & Cheques – Special envelopes in all porch areas.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

The School Reference Request Form may be found on our parish website here: <https://bit.ly/3RKDk5n>

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass Intention if they cannot to make an offering.

OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

Please check your change before you put anything into the collection basket or wall boxes, to ensure that you do not put in foreign or old coins. These can cause our coin counting machine to get stuck or even damaged. If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old British money, please place it in the special basket which may be found in the main porch. The SVP, can get back some money from them to help with their work.

THE HOLY SOULS

Mass will be said monthly for all those names handed in last month, collectively, the 'November Deceased List'.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHRISTMAS POSTER

As they faithfully do every year, the Knights of St Columba will be distributing their Christmas posters next weekend. You are asked to place one in a window where it might be seen by others passing by, taking with them the message of peace it conveys.

As usual, you are requested, if possible, to make an offering towards the Seminary Fund, which helps in the training of future priests and deacons in our archdiocese. Please also say the Prayer for Vocations, printed in this newsletter.



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

(Matthew 3:2)

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