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Sunday 3rd December 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 3rd December 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 2nd December 2023)

Terrence Plant RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

11.30am Joe & Anna Marie

McNamara RIP

(Polyphony)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 4th December 2023 (Mem)

Saint John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

7.30am Philip Duffy RIP

10am Requiem for Tony D'Alessio

12 Noon Requiem for Norbert Rocque

Tuesday 5th December 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Ines Cheney RIP

10am Albert Rego RIP

Wednesday 6th December 2023 (Mem)

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

7.30am November Deceased List

10am The Holy Souls

Thursday 7th December 2023 (Mem)

Saint Ambrose,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Peace in the Holy Land

Friday 8th December 2023 (Solemnity)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7.30am Intentions of Marissa Desa

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 9th December 2023 (Feria)

10am Peace in the Holy Land

Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 9th December 2023)

Deceased members of the

Cottom & Weddell families

8.30am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Recovery of Johnny Smith

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Sr Clare Casey RIP

& Amelia Demby RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

NORMAL 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, THOSE
UNDERGOING TREATMENT & 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, John DeWaal,

Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso,

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Elsy Mickle, Thomas Pereira,

Terezinha Po, Sheila Price, Angel Rojas,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley,

Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul

of **Mike Netherwood**, husband of Kathleen

Netherwood. Mike died on Tuesday 14th

November 2023. May he Rest in Peace.

SUNDAY MASS COVER

We welcome, once again, Father David

Standley, to say the 10am Mass today.

FATHER PAUL

Fr Paul returns this coming Friday.

FREE COFFEE MORNING

A group of our valiant cleaners will be hosting a Coffee Morning next Sunday 10th December 2023 after all morning Masses. They are also looking to recruit more people to carry out the important week of cleaning the Lord's house. Do come along and support them, and take the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow parishioners, whilst perhaps considering offering your time to help with church cleaning.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Our sincere thanks to all those who made last Sunday's Confirmation such a memorable occasion. Special thanks to our dedicated catechists who prepared our Confirmandi who, by virtue of having been Confirmed, are now Confirmati. Also, thanks to the Polyphony choir, servers and florists. Bishop Philip Moger was most impressed by all that took place.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Basket: £804.89:

(Gift Aid: £376.50; Non-G/A: £428.39)

Plus Standing Orders: £774.00

Catholic Education Service £1358.42

Gift Aid: £305.50; Non G/A: £1052.92

STREATHAM COMMON CRIB

The Knights of St Columba Crib will be on Streatham Common **from this weekend**. Do pay a visit, if you can, to see the Crib, a public reminder of the importance of Christmas to all people.

KNIGHT OF ST COLUMBA

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

These will be available from next weekend, 9th & 10th December 2023.

You are invited to make a donation of your choice towards the Seminary Fund.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository has a great selection of cards and gifts for Christmas.

Why not pop in and take a look?

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the pile in the main porch. We shall be disposing of any items left after this weekend.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please donate using the special wall box in the main porch.

Our wonderful flower arrangers will create displays to
enhance the church during the Christmas season.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has
been made to us with our sisters and brothers around
the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for
family and friends this Christmas online at

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a
catalogue in church. You may also click on the QR
code which is in the catalogue. World Gifts such as

"Health Clinic", "Forest School", and
"Water for a Family" will help transform lives in a
world filled with challenges.

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY

We begin today our preparation for the coming of Our
Lord at Christmas. We move into Liturgical Year B
(the year of the evangelist Mark), and start using our
turquoise coloured Parish Mass Books.

Music and decorations become somewhat moderate,
reflecting the character of the season.

The first purple candle on our Advent Wreath, known
as the Prophecy Candle, will be lit today.

CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Please take one of our Parish Christmas Cards, which are to
be found in all porch areas. These cards carry Christmas
wishes from all our clergy. They also contain details of all
Masses and services from the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 17th
December 2023, right through to the New Year of 2024.

POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This will take place on Sunday 17th December 2023 at
2.30pm in the church. This celebration of Christmas, led by
our Polyphony Choir and soloists, will include carols and
readings. Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection in
aid of the SVP. Please give generously. You are also
invited to come across to the hall afterwards to enjoy a
glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NATIVITY PLAY

The Children's Liturgy Group are producing their annual
Nativity Play and carols for the Christmas Eve Mass, to take
place at 6pm, prior to the 6.15pm Mass. Rehearsal will be on
Saturday 23rd December 2023 from 3pm to 4.30pm in the
church, at which all the roles and costumes will be provided.
If you would like your child to take part, you must bring them to
the rehearsal and remain with them throughout. To participate,
please email Linda Harries l.harries@gmail.com or call her on
07770 623230 no later than Monday 18th December 2023,
giving your child's name and age. Role playing will be for those
of school nursery age up to year 3. Those from year 4 upwards
will be narrators and carol singers.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your offering at Christmas is your personal
gift to our priests, Father Deo and Father Paul. Please take
a special envelope, in which you may enclose your
offering. Members of the Gift Aid Scheme may write their
Gift Aid number in the box provided. Alternatively,
they may wish to use the Christmas Day envelope from
their personal set of Gift Aid envelopes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Please would those altar servers available to serve over
Christmas please sign up via the sign-up sheet in the sacristy,
or alternatively, by email by
contacting norburymc@rcaos.org.uk

Parents of those aged under 18 years should email
on behalf of their children.)

We hope to see as many of you as we have in past years and
welcome in particular our newer altar servers!

Here are the details you will need:

**Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023
6.00pm Family Mass**

Practice: Sunday 17th December 2023 at 6pm

**Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023 Midnight Mass
Practice: Sunday 17th December 2023 at 6.30pm**

**Christmas Day 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am Masses only
*No Practice for these Masses, but please sign up as it would be
great to have Altar Servers at each of them.***

THE RETURN OF THE FAMILY CHOIR

Organist, Louis Pearson, is planning to restart the Family Choir.
This choir has not sung for several years, and has been greatly
missed. There are some handouts available in the porch areas,
and you are invited to contact Louis, to register your interest.:
Louispearson1992@live.com or call him on 07931 792254.