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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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December Prayers: Sunday 20th December

"We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as the journey through this life changing experience. Lord hear us".

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

5.30pm

7pm

8.30pm

10pm (Polish)

Christmas Day:

8am

10am

12.30pm (Polish)

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

will be drawn on Sunday 20th December after mass.



Happy Christmas and New Year

Fr Shinto, Fr Jose and all at Gentili House wish you the happiest of Christmases and the very best for the new year. God bless & stay safe.

Prayer Tree Everyone is invited to write a short prayer on a label to hang on our Christmas tree in church. The labels are in a basket in the porch. Please take one home to write and put the prayer in the special box.

APF Missio Red Boxes Due to restrictions we can't hold our usual collection arrangements. Could you please empty your box into a marked envelope and leave it in church with your name on it. The APF calendars will be at the back of the church for you to collect. Could you please do this as soon as possible. Anyone with problems please contact Angela or Steve on 01788 570309.

Sat 19 th December 2020	Advent Feria	09.30AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Paul John Hobley RIP Frankil Barrett RIP
Sun 20 th December 2020	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00AM 06.00PM	Michael and Teresa Collins RIP Vincent Ferdinands RIP
Mon 21 st December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Lily and Patrick McGrath RIP
Tue 22 nd December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM 11.45AM 01.00PM	Theresa-Rose Stubbings RIP (anniversary) Oratory Mass The O'Driscoll Family RIP Funeral Service Elizabeth Mary Alice Gelston
Wed 23 rd December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM 12.30PM	Vittoria Sanna RIP Funeral Requiem Mass John McStay RIP
Thu 24 th December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM 05.30PM 07.00PM 08.30PM	Betty Friel RIP All Parishioners All Parishioners Terry and Julia Treacy RIP
Fri 25 th December 2020	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	08.00AM 10.00AM	Betty Kendall RIP The Couloute Family
Sat 26 th December 2020	Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr	09.30AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Thomas Fallon RIP Derek Duerden RIP

This Week's Gospel Reading Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-38

'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

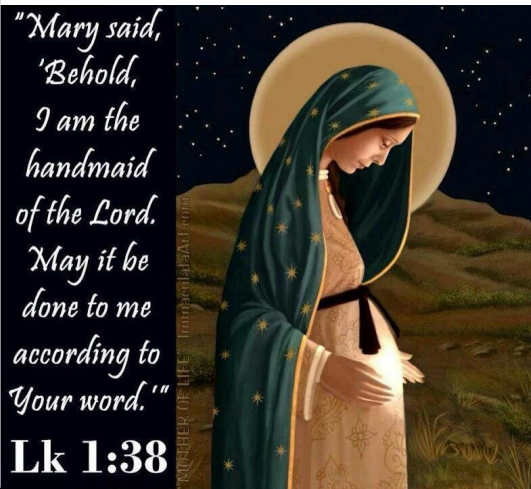
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be born anew with Christ and henceforth think, love and will like Him, in the same full and perfect manner. Let your life be one with His life...It is in Jesus that you shall find the splendour of the light which enlightens...
Blessed Antonio Rosmini

500 Club December Draw

- 1st prize No 1 = £40
- 2nd prize No 73 = £30
- 3rd prize No 133 = £20

Thank you all for supporting the 500 Club for another year. Subscriptions for 2021 are due at the end of December. These can be paid directly to the bank, by cash or cheque. If you haven't already joined please think about it. This year we have given £1100 to support our beautiful church. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas.



This Week's First Reading
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; [...]

This Week's Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 88 (89):2-5, 27, 29 (Advent)

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

This Week's Gospel Acclamation
Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed from 21st December until 7th January 2021.

Christmas Collection

The Christmas collection is in aid of the Rosminians, elderly priests and seminarians. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please give generously.
Thank you. Fr Shinto

Christmas Masses

are fully booked. Places will be allocated as you arrive. You may not be in your usual place. The stewards will guide you to your allocated places. Please be understanding and supportive. Thank you. Fr Shinto

Hampers for Pensioners

Around 50 hampers were successfully delivered to pensioners who usually attend the Christmas meal. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this.

RECENTLY DIED

- Kathleen Joan O'Brien**
- John McStay**
- Betty Kendall**
- Elizabeth Gelston**

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Lily McGrath, Michael Connaire, Eleanor Flynn, Patrick Hannifin, Annette Todd, Ann Coughlan, Derek Larkin

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Pat Mulvey, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Noel Hayes, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Viviane McSweeney, John Melia, Tony Tyblewski and all those sick with coronavirus

We welcome into our church baby Evan Ramsay and baby Kylan Mitchell who were baptised earlier this year