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CHRISTMAS SEASON

Thanks

Thanks to :

all the stewards who have kindly given their time to ensure I am able to keep the church open and everyone safe.

Mary Shoebridge and her team for the beautiful flowers in the church.

Elaine Jeffery for wrapping the Christmas Hamper for our raffle, which raised £ 250 towards the Church restoration. The winners were: 1. Helen Farmer, 2. Louise Mallott, 3. Helen O' Hare.

Kelly Merrigan for organising the Christmas Hampers for the elderly and those who helped to deliver them: Maureen and Mike Borg, Louise Mallott, Pat and Mike Gould and Bernie Merrigan.

Alan Parish and all the helpers who set up the crib and those who decorated it. Leslin and team for setting up the outside Crib. And Brenden Jones for the lighting in both the Cribs. Anne Ormsby for preparing the Altar every-day.

I would like to extend my thanks to Kevin Bulmer, Ian Leonard and the Spark Family who contributed to making the liturgy more alive and active. Thanks to all for your support and encouragement during this difficult time.

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Sat 26th Dec. 2020	St. Stephen, Martyr	09.30 AM 06.00 PM	Thomas Fallon RIP Derek Duerden RIP
Sun 27th Dec 2020	Feast of the Holy Family	10.00 AM 06.00 PM	George O' Meara RIP Nina & Michael Kane RIP
Mon 28th Dec 2020	Christmas Season Feast of the Holy Innocents	10.00 AM	Jean Bourne
Tue 29th Dec 2020	St. Thomas Becket, Martyr	10.00 AM 11.45 AM	Geoffrey Hall RIP Eamonn Mangan RIP (Oratory Mass)
Wed 30th Dec 2020	Octave of Christmas	10.00 AM	Sarah & John Gallagher Johnny Carey & Liam Carey RIP
Thu 31st Dec 2020	Octave of Christmas	10.00 AM	Joseph Mascarenhas RIP
Fri 1st Jan 2021	Solemnity, Mary Mother of God	10.00 AM	Nora Garreth RIP
Sat 2nd Jan 2021	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops	09.30 AM 06.00 PM	All Parishioners Shirley Deery RIP

This Week's Gospel Reading. Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us be one in faith with the holy shepherds, and let us by favour of Mary, the Virgin Mother, and St Joseph, enter into the Grotto which became the royal palace of the King of Kings and the Lord of glory. Let us approach with humble reverence, but without fear, so as to offer our homage to the Son of God, the eternal Word made flesh for us and born in a stable, placed in a manger for cattle. What a mystery of love! What a miracle of mercy!

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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RECENTLY DIED

Kathleen Joan O'Brien
John McStay
Betty Kendall
Elizabeth Gelston

Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Parish Office

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



Prison Visit

Because of Covid restrictions, members of our church choir will not be able to visit Rye Hill prison this year to join in the celebration of their Christmas Mass.

Please remember the prisoners and their families in your prayers.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

John William Lennon, David Foot, Nora & Jack O'Shay, Paul Simpson, Hazel Watkin, Vittoria Dimarino, Josph Fernandes, Michael Cowley, Zdzislawa Cybulska, Sheila Mitchell, Jorge Picarra, Eleanor Flynn, Patrick Joseph Hannifin, Annette Todd, Michael Collins, Theresa Rose Stubbings, Vincent Ferdinands, Johnny and Liam Carey

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