



The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve / Day

Thursday 24

4pm Sean Burke +
6pm Bill & Rosemarie
 Tinsley +
9pm Nicola Evans (int)

Friday 25

9am Bridie Lowe (int)
11.30am Maurice Hunt (int)

Sat 26/Sun 27**The Holy Family**

Seating is now on a 'first come, first served' basis

***6.00pm (Sat)**

Parish & People

9.00am

Brendan & Bernadette
 Magee (int)

11.30am

Fernandes Family (int)

6.00pm

Rosemary Dawson (int)

Monday 28

10.00am: (new time)
 Pauline McCarthy (int)
 Pauline Brady (int)

Tuesday 29

10.00am: Funeral Mass
(private) Barbara Arnold +

Wednesday 30

No Mass

Thursday 31st

10.00am:
 Janet Nestor & Family (int)

Friday 1st January 2021

10.00am: Maria Sartori +

And the angel declared, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

In the midst of suffering and turmoil in our Parish community, we still have "good news" to celebrate - the "good news" of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary who was born for us and for our salvation. Why was it necessary for the Word of God to become flesh? We needed a saviour who could reconcile us with God. Throughout the ages Christians have professed the ancient Nicene Creed: "He became man for our sake and for the sake of our salvation." The eternal Word became flesh for us so he could offer his life as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world through the shedding of his blood on the cross. The Word became flesh to show us the infinite love and tender mercy of God.

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away. May we in High Barnet and beyond know the joy of our salvation in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

Fr John

At Christmas Masses, the recordings of carols you will hear are the voices of our own parish musicians recording individually in their own homes, combined by the wonders of technology and human ingenuity. You will be hearing our parish Virtual Choir!

Monday 28 December

Mass is at 10.00am
 not 6.30pm
 and will not be
 live-streamed

A message of Hope from Rome: From this remote place in Europe, but the centre of our Catholic Faith, I want to send you a message of hope.

We can be 'flabbergasted' by the everyday circumstances and tend to lose our Christian optimism, but our Father is always there to support us.

As in Advent and Christmas time we are pondering in our conscience this incomprehensible mystery: God our Father becomes a man like us in Jesus Christ, his incarnation. But also the Holy Spirit can open our hearts to recognise how God is working among us today without us knowing it. He, the Holy Spirit, makes everything new, even our lives and the way we envisage our future.

Psalm 85, v 8-9: *"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our Land."*

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year 2021

God Bless

Fr Miguel op

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Mary Stella Soosay, Margaret Trehy.

Recently Died: Denise Jones, Barbara Arnold, Elizabeth Higgins, Ramniklal Jivanial Modha

Heartfelt thanks for all that your parish have done to support CAFOD during this difficult year. Although the needs are huge, the generosity of the community has enabled us to continue our work this year. With all good wishes for a holy and happy Advent and a joyful Christmas. Blessings, **Tony Sheen, CAFOD Westminster.**

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your parish gift of £220.82 towards the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red Box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. **Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director.**

YEAR 9 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020-22

If you haven't already done so, please register for Year 9 Confirmation by completing the online registrations forms and emailing to anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk by Monday 11th January 2021.

The parish team wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year 2021

Thank you for your lovely cards, prayers and presents

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