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17/18 DECEMBER 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Saturday	17th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	18th	9.00 am		The Demski Family Anna Eka (Int.) Philo & Sellina RIP Michael Daly RIP(Anniv.) Netty O'Brien RIP Holy Souls
		11.00 am		
Monday	19th	9.30 am	Advent Feria	
Tuesday	20th	9.30 am	Advent Feria	
Wednesday	21st	9.30 am	Advent Feria	
Friday	23rd	9:30 am	Benediction and Mass	
The Nativity of The Lord Year A December 25				
Saturday	24th	5.00 pm		
		11.15 pm		
Sunday	25th	9.00 am		
		11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Michael Daly, Netty O' Brien and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 The prophecy about "Emmanuel — God with us" invites king Ahaz to trust

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 This introduction to Paul's major epistle gives the earliest Christian beliefs about Jesus

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24 The virginal conception of Jesus is revealed to the just man, Joseph

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Faithful accepting us

If this seems mysterious to us, it must have been baffling for St Joseph. Close to Mary as he was, and finding her pregnant without any involvement by him, Joseph could only accept in faith what God's messenger told him, that the child was in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. With great patience and humility, Joseph accepted the part for which God had chosen him, as guardian and foster-father to our Lord and Saviour. This kind of faithful acceptance is asked from each of us, when Christ comes into our lives, as "God-with-us."

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church and on your seats. Do pick one for Christmas offering. Thank you for the support you give to the Parish.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE 11.00 AM MASS-

We are pleased to announce and invite you to stay behind for tea and coffee after the 11am Mass. Stop to chat with friends and welcome new members to the Parish this Advent season. This is sponsored by a parishioner and family. Come one, come all.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS- Get a copy at the back of the Church.

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. 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. **Pick for free a copy of the *Kingdom Revelator* magazine.**

VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY- Get your Advent Booklet

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', **will be open after the 9.00 and 11.00 am Masses this weekend** It has been restocked with a range of Christmas, Sympathy and Mass cards. There are also children's Christmas books, calendars and other Christmas gifts. Lyn Brillus will be on hand to take orders for items such as rosaries, statues, candles etc which can be seen in a catalogue. The Advent Booklet (My Day by Day) costs £2 for adults and £1 for children. Get your copies at the back of the church. Please note that payment can only be made with cash.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL ADVENT REFLECTION

Parishioners are welcome to join the Chaplaincy Team at St Paul's School. Park lane, Cheshunt EN7 6LR on Monday 19th December at 2:45pm for an Advent reflection followed by mince pies. They hope to see you there.

WARM SPACES PROJECT

St Joseph's church are providing a warm space in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am –3.30pm. They are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch. They still need volunteers to help prepare the refreshments and to chat with the people who come along. There are three volunteer sessions each day. 9.30am –12 noon; 11.30am – 2.00pm; 1.30pm – 4.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at St Joseph's on 01992 623156 or email walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NURSERY

The school has spaces in their Nursery for mid-year admissions. They now take children from the term after they turn 3 years old. For more information, please contact the school office admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk or 01992 635060.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2023

St Pauls Catholic Primary School, Park Lane, Cheshunt, EN7 6LR website: <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com> and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, EN8 7EN website: <https://www.stjosephsherts.uk>

For both schools, you must apply for a school place online. The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commenced on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and will close on Sunday 15th January 2023 on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2023 applies to children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

As well as applying online to Hertfordshire you need to complete a **Supplementary Information Form** which should be sent into the office of the schools to which you are applying together with any supporting documentation.

ST PAULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2024-25

The Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the school in **September 2024**, they are required to consult on these arrangements and are inviting comments. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on their website at <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com/herts/primary/stpauls/site/pages/importantdocuments/admissions/admissions2024-2025>. There are changes to the oversubscription arrangements. If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Mrs Worton-Geer either by post or emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk by 20 January 2023.

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and to all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. God bless you.