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23/24 DECEMBER 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



Saturday	23rd	5.00 pm		Maureen + Billy O'Brien (int.)
Sunday	24th	9.00 am		Nora Kelly + Family
		11.00am		People of the Parish
		5.00 pm	Family Nativity Mass	
		11.15 pm	Midnight Mass	
Monday	25th	9.30 & 11am	Nativity of the Lord	People of the Parish
Tuesday	26th	9.30 am	St. Stephen	Louisa Adu-Poku BD
Wednesday	27th	9.30 am	St. John, Apostles	Sabina Yedu-Aggrey BD
Friday	29th	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass (St. Thomas Becket)	Pat Adegoke (Int.)
The Holy Family Year B				
Saturday	30th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	31st	9 & 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, Mary Marah, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, 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 Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaides, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 David is promised a "house" or dynasty **Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27 Praise of the God whose salvation is revealed in Jesus Christ. This good news must be spread everywhere

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38 The annunciation to our Lady, and her total 'Yes' to God

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Choosing that special person

God's choice of Mary was not exclusive in that sense. In choosing Mary, he was choosing all of us. He chose Mary for all our sakes. God chose her to carry God's Son on behalf of us all, because her future child was God's gift to us all. That is why Mary responded to God's choice of her. It was not just a matter that concerned herself. It concerned us all. We all had a vested interest in how she responded. Her response would also be our response. In a sense we looked to her to make an appropriate response on behalf of us all to God's choice of us. Love is freely bestowed by one person on another; the other freely receives what is bestowed and freely reciprocates, and a new relationship is born. There is a depth about all that.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Vigil Mass for Families at 5pm here at the Church and Midnight Mass with Carols at 11:15pm also at the church. Two Masses on Christmas Day at 9.00 am and 11.00 am. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 02077989350.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

The Parish is hosting a Christmas meal for its Senior Citizens and the housebound on Saturday 6th January 2024 at 1.00pm with St Joseph's Church. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who would like to come along, please give names and details to the Parish Office. If you would like to help on the day with preparing, cooking or serving the meal, please contact the St Joseph's Parish Office-01992 623156.

CONFIRMATION COURSE 23/24

Parents and candidates are to note that the course begins with parents and catechists gathering on January 6, 2024 after the 5pm Mass. The course starts at 3pm on January 13, 2024. All must be present. Emails have been sent already. If you have not received one, cross check your email address with Fr. Clement

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School admissions for a primary, junior or middle school place is open until 15 January 2024. If you would like to apply for a place at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, all you need to do is: make a new in year application via Hertfordshire admissions and complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available on the school website. If you would like to view St Paul's or have any questions, please contact admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk and we will be happy to help.

SUPPORT SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

URGENT APPEAL FOR WINTER CLOTHING- Supporting local refugees and asylum seekers (Closed)

The appeal was a big success. Thanks to your generous giving! Appreciation from the organisers. God bless you all.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost-of-living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties. This Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. You can follow along each day and you can leave your donations for the Broxbourne Foodbank in the box by the Altar. To download the Advent Giving Calendar go to <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>.

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish.

A personal thank you to you all for your cards and gifts and all the Christmas presents. God bless you. Merry Christmas!