29th NOVEMBER 2020,
+1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dear Parishioners

"Be on Guard. Stay awake!"

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, which begins our whole yearly liturgical cycle again. It comes with the good news that we will be able to resume public mass from the middle of this week. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. We have been doing a lot of waiting already this year and we have had to find new resources and resilience to cope with the difficult times we have been passing through. We can draw encouragement from this time of Advent, which is given to us to draw us once again into the profound mysteries of our faith. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus says: "Be on your guard and stay awake." The Christian life is lived with a state of expectation and hope. Whilst we apply some of that hope to the physical circumstances of our lives, concerning government decisions and medical resourcefulness, we would be impoverished if this was the full extent of our hopefulness. Jesus came to teach us that all of human life is dear to God and that all the circumstances of our lives, especially the mystery of suffering, can now look to his loving response in sending us his Son. We may not fully understand how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus work but the Christian person is still called to make this the foundation stone of all else. Through the Cross, God teaches us that, in his infinite love, he is united to us and will lead us to new life if we place all our trust in him. When so many people are suffering and are justifiably anxious about the state of things it is precisely our trust in Jesus, which is to give us peace and strength. Let us pray that during this Advent we will allow God's Holy Spirit, with Our Lady, to lead us into deeper recesses of loving trust in the goodness and help of God, now and always.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

Children's Liturgy

As we start the season of Advent, join Jane, Anthony and Little Tiger as they start the journey towards Christmas.

https://youtu.be/tmDfPB_JtXE

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

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*****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP*****

Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

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Subject to Government Guidelines Daily Masses will commence from **Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 9:30am**

**Fr Martin will be offering the November Mass intentions in a private daily mass*

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

*10:00AM MARGARET RIST RIP A

MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER –

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

*10:30AM TOM MCKEARNEY RIP LD

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TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

*10:30AM HOLY SOULS

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

9:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

9:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

10-11AM ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

9:30AM INTS OF THE DIAS FAMILY

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

9:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

9:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12PM CONFIRMATION SERVICE

+2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JAMES (JIMMY) TOBIN RIP A

09:30AM PAT O'BRIEN RIP LD

11:30AM MARIANNA DAWIDZIAK RIP LD

ORDER OF MASS : Please visit the Parish Website, **https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/order-of-mass/**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Pedro Johns, Margaret Newton, Richard Stoneman, Theresa More, Dudley Plunkett, Paula Wazny, William O'Shea, Sean Moohan, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon and Delores Walsh: for Deborah Brophy, Kitty Goldie, Kathleen Dunleavy, Phyllis O'Brien, and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Victor Blake, Patrick (Paddy) Tobin, Tom McKearney, Barbara Bailes, Eileen Harrington, Clare Logue, Anne Healy, Patrick Ng, Julie Pattinson, Antonino Spano and Marie Weir.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Sheila Carey, James Reilly, James Tobin & Dorothy Heaney

MASS TIMES: Please note that the original mass times pre-covid, March 2020 will resume from **Wednesday 2nd December.** Daily Mass will be 9:30am, Saturday (vigil) 6:00pm, Sunday 09:30am & 11:30am. Confessions are available on request after Mass.

CHURCH CLEANERS APPEAL

When the church re-opens for services, an essential condition is that we must follow Govt. guidance on cleaning. This has become more difficult as time has gone by and existing volunteers have dropped out. Please consider if you can give one hour on Thursdays at 1pm or every 3rd Thursday at 7pm. The task is not onerous. Social distancing is observed and all protective equipment is provided. If you can help please contact **Pat on 0208 429 3943 or 07540 468 393 e-mail pat.faille@btinternet.com**

ANNA ELLUL FLOWERS LTD : Festive Door Wreaths & **Christmas arrangements** are now available to order, please contact Anna Ellul on 07715 202 289

November.

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30-1PM (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please note Liz Duignan is currently working remotely

2nd November to 1st December 2020



At this time of unsettled circumstances Father Martin has agreed that there will be no large floral displays in the church this Christmas. Consequently, we will not be holding the traditional collections for the Christmas flowers this year.

However, we are asking if you would like to make an interest free loan of a red poinsettia for the church to be displayed from the weekend of the **19th/20 December** until the Epiphany. Please consider delivering your plant over that first weekend (above) and retrieve your offering after the **6th January**.

You are invited to place a small card with your poinsettia offering it for your intentions and thereby making it easier to identify when you come to collect.

Please contact Madaline on (020) 8866 7706 or madalineluckhurst@btinternet.com if you have any queries.

This is a new venture for us so please consider giving the scheme your support

Many thanks. Madaline Luckhurst