SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER + THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM DONNA SCHAEFFER, PATRICIA SCHIEL PATRICIA HEFTLER, **RIP**

9.30 AM PEGGY MCMAHON **RIP**

11.30 AM CLIVE AND LINA THOMAS **(A) RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Baby Otis Bernard**,** Judy Doke**,** Bill Garvey , Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS especially Marie Hardy **,** Pat Faille.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Josephine Burns, John Smith, Patrick O'Rourke, Ian Fitzgerald, Bernie Minoli, Charles Gattey, Josephine O'Brien, Mary Cullinane,

RECENTLY DEPARTED: We pray for the repose of the soul of **JER RIORDAN** RIP



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
has been donated this week
for the intentions of

THE DONNELLY FAMILY

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

CHRISTOPHER YOUNG



Dear Parishioners,

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

On this third Sunday of Advent, we hear about the evidence that Jesus really is the longed-for Messiah who has finally come to his people: '*The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.'* We are asked to consider that if we were alive as Jesus walked the earth and performed miracles, preached the Good News, suffered death and rose again, which of his actions would have the greatest effect on us? When we consider our Lord's mission, we can consider it all as one unified whole, not separate events. From a faith perspective, Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are his greatest and most important redemptive acts. By freely embracing suffering and death, Jesus transformed the worst into the best and the consequence of sin—which is death—into the instrument of eternal life. If we were to ask Jesus' first followers whether they would prefer to see Jesus perform miracles or to see him suffer and die, most likely they would prefer the miracles. Such a question might have even left them confused. Why would anyone want to see a great prophet suffer and die? Yet, today, from a theological perspective, it is clear that Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are the greatest acts in human history. However, all the miracles of Jesus were necessary to prove that God cares about the most individual needs of each of his children. We are encouraged by this evidence to constantly seek God's help in our own lives whilst we also practice our daily faith, worshipping God and seeking to live according to his commandments of love. Let us reflect today on the great gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in our lives. What help do we desire to ask from him and how can we be more aligned to the new life he has won for us through the gift of his life for us? Let us ask for the grace to grow in our faith, hope and love at this moment in our Advent journey that we may enter the coming festivities with greater joy and gratitude in our lives.

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There will be a collection after the masses this weekend for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS There are advent calendars, Christmas cribs and other items in the repository for sale. We have hand made Christmas tree angels too. Payment can be made either using the contactless machine- option repository shop or by cash / cheque.

HALL FLOOR—The parish hall with be closed and doors sealed with no access, from Wednesday **17th December** to **Saturday 10th January** to allow for sanding and re vanishing. Access to the toilets will be from the front door and activities will be continuing in the Anglim Room. This will be funded by the National Lottery grant received earlier in the year. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

CTE CAROL SERVICE—TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 8 PM- this year hosted by St Thomas More -All welcome.



PARISH CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY -14TH DECEMBER

Starting at 3pm, finishing with a candlelit procession from the church to the Shrine of Our Lady, followed by warming refreshments.

Come along– bring a friend or neighbour.

Mass Times
15th December to 21st December

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 15TH DEC	9.30 AM TO 11. AM	9.30 AM	PATRICIA HANDSCOMBE **INTS**
TUES 16TH DEC	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **8.00 PM**	SHARON EVANS **RIP** **CTE CAROL SERVICE**
WED 17TH DEC	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONU HUNNU MOIETT **INTS**
THURS 18TH DEC	10AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 19TH DEC	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	RACHAEL AND JANE **FAMILY INTS**
SATUR-DAY 20TH DEC	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LINA & CLIVE THOMAS **RIP** AND FAMILY INTS **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN-DAY 21ST DEC		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	MARY TOMLINSON RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH BRENDAN MCELVANNA **RIP** FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT

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READERS ALWAYS WANTED-We always welcome new readers to the rota for the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Let me know if you would like to join the rota or even if you would like to try it just once and see how you get on. Anthony Inglese anthony.inglese@btinternet.com, 07710 160977

CHRISTMAS EVE—FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 6PM All the children are invited to come and take part by dressing as a **shepherd** or **angel**. This mass gets very busy so please arrive early.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS – Would you like to volunteer to be part of the team presenting this year's Confirmation Course to our younger parishioners? No previous experience is required. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in passing on the faith, especially to our next generation. Please give your details to the parish office if you would like to be part of this wonderful work in the parish. The course will start in the New Year.

SERVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY — Become a Foundation Governor at St Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School. We provide full training, guidance, and mentoring. Whatever your background or experience, your skills can make a real difference to the parish and school community. Around **6–8 meetings per year**, plus occasional visits and training. Contact governance@ascat.co.uk.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 If your child is in year 9 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th May 2026, please complete the application forms by the front entrance to church or on the church website. **Closing date 18th December 2025**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP will meet next Sunday—**21ST DECEMBER** after the 9.30 am Mass in the library.

NEXT FOOD BANK Collection will be in January,

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **JANUARY 7TH 2026** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

6 pm Family -First Mass of Christmas

10pm Midnight Mass with Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am Mass of Christmas



LIVE STREAMING

For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving com-munion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back