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SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021	First Sunday of Advent (Year C)	(Sat) 7.30pm	• Farai Sadza (Recently Deceased)
		9am	• Holy Souls (RIP)
		11am	• People of the Parish
		6pm	• Moira Robertson (Recently Deceased)
Monday		No mass here today, nearest church is St Catherine, 177 Bow Road	
Tuesday	St Andrew	9.30 am	• Holy Souls (RIP)
Wednesday		9.30 am	• Deceased of the McGarr & Crampsey Families
Thursday		9.30 am	• Faithful Departed
Friday	St Francis Xavier	7pm	• Patrick Enright (Intention)
Saturday	St John of Damascus	12:30pm	• Mrs Maria Langlais (Anniversary)
SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021	2nd Sunday of Advent	7.30 pm	• Sick & Housebound
		9am	• People of the Parish
		*11am	• Maria Rosada Fernandes (RIP)
		6pm	• Faithful Departed

Please pray for the sick : Francis Theophile; Kenny Johnson; Paul Alpin; Pino Saraceno; Denise Aquilina; Kennie Smith; Luke Gormally, Maureen Hayward; Gerardo Gonella; Gertrude Palmer; Harry & Ginny Cox; Kenny Johnson;; Lisa Doyle; Peter Kemp; Lassyhani Janahan; David Lewis; George McGrath; Trinity Gilling-Robertson; Mariesha McDonagh; Latisha Hunte; Margot Semple Morris; Joanne Marren; Teresa Marren; Terry Cowley; Fay Dunne; Davie Kennedy; Lanette Aquino; Maxine Van Arendsen; Ana Iturralde Renau; Lucy Ebbasi; Ann Serra;; Adrian Morgan; Jenni Morgan; Sarah Nkrumah; Joyce Knowles; Georgio Volpe; Mary Condon and all the sick and housebound .

Please pray for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries are at this time : Breda Dalton; Bessy Spitteri; Christine Mahoney; Philomena Da Costa; Les Hardvitch; Vera Yates; Rose Ramiane; David Amess MP; Virginia Mitchell; James Aquilina; Paul Henderson, Samantha Spencer; Kimho Kamara; Alice Thomas; Rosibel Gil; Fr Ambrose May & Angel Bathan; & Maria Langlais.

Readings of 1st Sunday of Advent, (year C): Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28,34-36.

Response to the Psalm: "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul."

ONLINE BROADCAST OF MASS, SUNDAY 11AM. The Sunday 11am Mass continues on YouTube for those unable to attend 28 November - <https://youtu.be/57Pn4-gIKSo>.

***YouTube channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2i1S7BE1I70fTpcuoorbg/feature>

****Zoom contact:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4071152792?pwd=eW9KaUJ3TkM5OHR4R2swZ01HM2FpQT09>

Or phone: 0208 080 6591, 0131 460 1196. Meeting ID: 407 115 2792. Password 1868.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, Tuesday and Thursday mornings following the 9:30 mass until 12 noon.

CONFESSION, Saturday 11.30am-12.15pm, and at other times when available.

VESPERS FOR THE CONSCREATION OF THE ALTAR: will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 7th December**, in the presence of the relics that will be placed in the new altar on Wednesday evening. Fr Javier Ruiz Ortiz, vice-rector of the Diocesan Seminary, will preach a homily to help us understand and take part in the Dedication of the Altar. Please do come to this as well as to the Dedication Mass on Wednesday if you are able.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER Sung at 6.30am with the Readings of the Office, will take place beginning Tuesday 30th and continuing for the weekdays of Advent. This is a good way to begin this season of joyful but slightly penitential anticipation. We hope to have a penitential service later. Our online Morning and evening Prayer continues at 8.45am & 5.45pm as before.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALTAR Please take an invitation letter from the steward after mass, no parishioner is excluded! As Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols is coming to consecrate our new altar on 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 6.00 pm. The Cardinal is our Diocesan Bishop. He has Auxiliary Bishops to help him, but he is the one who holds a special responsibility before God for the wellbeing of all the parishes and people in the Westminster Archdiocese. It is always considered very important, if at all possible, that the consecration of an altar be carried out by the Diocesan Bishop: it is a crucial sign of our Communion with him. Please put the date in your diaries: don't miss out on this wonderful occasion.

As we want to make this event truly special, any donations towards costs, (catering, cleaning, maintenance and lighting etc.) would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please donate to: WRCDT Mile End, 40-05-20 (sort code) 61308378 (account number) putting 'Altar Consecration' as reference, or contact Fr John or the parish office. If someone could kindly contribute by bringing desserts or drinks for the reception with the Cardinal after mass, please speak to Denise 07929791901. (Any food brought from home should be produced in a Covid safe way.)

THE CURRENT CORONA VIRUS CRISIS: The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

'The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.'

(An extract from *Honouring Sunday* The full text of this letter is available from the entrance lobby of our church)

At a recent meeting, questions were asked about Guidance on Celebrations. The Guidelines of July 2021 remain in place. Local discernment is necessary so that parishioners feel safe and are encouraged to return as while recognising the levels of COVID in particular locations.

Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

Copies of the Bishops Conference letter are available from the Old Font in the entrance lobby. Please take a copy.

COVID MEASURES In line with this, please continue to **wear Face Coverings where Practical**, especially where singing from within the congregation. Please also forgive the **Extra Ventilation** we are using, our heating is being put on early to try to compensate but there are extra drafts. Please continue to **Sanitise Hands** and **Not Sit Close to others** who are not in your group. For people who are more vulnerable there are **Please Leave a Space** request cards, please allow some room. For the time being the **Kiss of Peace remains suspended as does reception of the Precious Blood** from the Chalice. These things are not the norm of the Christian community, but we do them out of love and care for our neighbours



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Introducing our new contactless machine – As you may have noticed we have a strange looking machine in our foyer. The machine is our new contactless machine which enables you to be able to donate to our Parish using your bank card. As most of us no longer carry cash and only use cards due to COVID times this machine enables to make a donation using your card instead of the need to bring cash with you.

The machine also allows you the Gift Aid your donation at no extra expense to yourself, just follow the prompts.

PARISH DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER (excluding Special Collections):

Planned Giving Envelopes - £611.65 Standing Orders & Online Payments - £2,628.00 Cash - £535.20

Thank you for your kindness.