**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

*(Parish Mass Book P26.)*

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 30th *[St Andrew]*

18.00 **Joe Da Cunha RIP**

SUNDAY 1st **[1st Sunday of Advent (A)]**

09.00 **Aniello Pirfo (Anniv)** 11.15 **Paul Cleland (Anniv)**18.00 **People of the Parish**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45*

MONDAY 2nd  *[Advent feria]*

10:00 **Milena Godinho (Anniv)**TUESDAY 3rd *[St Francis Xavier]*

10.00 **Laurie Scudder RIP**

10:30 – 11:30 Exposition [no Benediction today]  
WEDS 4th  *[Advent feria]*

10:00 **Abraham Joseph Swampillai (Anniv)**

THURS 5th *[Advent feria]*

07.30 **Deacon Braz Menezes (Anniv)**FRIDAY 6th *[Advent feria]*

10.00 **Jo Francis Swampillai (Anniv)** SATURDAY 7th *[St Ambrose]*

10.00 **Laurie Scudder RIP**

*10:30 – 11:30 Confessions Avail.)*

18:00 (Vigil) **Mary O’Sullivan (Ann.)**

SUNDAY 8th **[2nd Sunday of Advent (A) ]**

09.00 **Martha Murray (Intns)**  
11.15 **Giovanni & Anita Angelino (Anniv)**18.00 **People of the Parish**

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**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 3rd 19:00 Confirmation Class continues

Wednesday 4th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

Thursday 5th 12.30 Bible Timeline continues *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

Friday 6th 13.30 Prayer Group (*Fr Bebb Rm)*

**COUNTERS**

This week 1st C Quirk & P Tonra am  
Next week 8th M & J Ferguson am

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £   
Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**CALLING ALL COUNTERS**

It would be very helpful if we could all meet briefly **This Sunday (Dec 1st)** after the 11:15 Mass in the Fr Bebb Room to discuss some recent changes that have been mandated by the diocese to be implemented in all parishes. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let Fr Brian know during the week ahead.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Tom Erhard, Teresa Bingham-Daly, Don Williamson, Anne Anderson, Amy D’Souza, Victor Kumaratharsan, Jean Vaughan, John Cash, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED**

We pray especialy for Jesse who was Baptised this weekend in our Parish and assure his family of our prayers also.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS AND HALL LOAN REPAYMENTS**

Following recent meetings of the Parish Finance Committee, and of the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been agreed that the way we manage second collections, and the appeals for assistance with the Hall loan repayments, will be altered. We propose in 2020 to pubish the dates for upcoming special second collections well in advance, and to limit the Hall Loan Collections to once-monthly. This will be complemented by other parish social events organised through the year as fund-raising activities for this purpose. More information about the incredible efforts already undertaken to work-off the loan, and other related news will be made available soon.

**GIFTS FOR JESUS – CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY**

We will continue the annual parish tradition of supporting the Catholic Children’s Society this Advent. There will be a collection of children’s gifts for delivery before Christmas to families in need. Gift-wrapped presents with an indication of the appropriate age and gender of the recipient can be brought to the Church up until Sunday 15th of December. An appeal will be made at all Masses next weekend with more information about the work of the CCS.

**DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH NORTHWOOD HQ?**

Do you know that mid-week Mass is celebrated at the Base every first and third Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 in the Chapel? Anyone working there is welcome to attend.The next Mass will be this Tuesday, 3rd December.

**UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION**

The Parish Hall will be in use as a polling station, as in previous elections.Engaging responsibly with public affairs is an important Christian duty.

**Local Hustings:** 5 of the 7 candidates for our Constituency of Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner have agreed to participate in a Hustings hosted by Emmanuel Church, High Street **on Thursday 5th December** **8.00-9.30pm**

**Ask your Candidate Campaign and message from the Bishops Conference:** Two helpful documents containing questions to put to candidates and to reflect personally on, in order to be better informed on polling day and to better judge those seeking office, are available in the church porch.

**CHRISTMAS MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday 15th Dec. (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

**Blessing of Cribs**

**3pm Parish service of carols, readings and prayers lead by Sunday School Chidren (Followed by party)**

**Christmas Eve:**

**Masses: 17:30 (families with children are especially welcome)**

**Midnight: Solemn Mass of the Nativity**

**Christmas Day:**

**Masses: 09:00**

**11:15**

**St Stephen’s Day (December 26th)**

**11:00 Annual Mass for Altar Servers**

We hope produce flyers for distribution in the neighbourhood

during Advent.