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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Entrance Antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

### Response to Psalm:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Special Gift? Top-Up Offering?  
For Rickmansworth text:  
**Parish RICKM** to 70800;  
For Chorleywood text:  
**Parish CHORL** to 70800;  
for Mill End text:  
**Parish MILLE** to 70800.  
It's easy! To make a £5 donation.  
Thank You!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

As we prepare for the celebration of our Saviour's birth, the miracle of Christmas continues to take place in the Bethlehem of our own hearts. In the depths of our souls, God forgives us, reassures us, lifts us up and loves us. Amid the pain and anguish of a broken people, Jesus Christ came with a message of new hope and transforming joy. In the middle of our own dark nights of pain and anguish, God comes and transforms all of our nights and days in the brightness of his heavenly peace.

It was simple shepherds – not the world's powerful and elite - who were the first to behold the birth of humanity's Saviour, the Christ who would later reveal himself as the Good Shepherd whose love and compassion for humanity would know neither end nor limitation. The shepherds were the first of many whose lives are transformed by their encounters with Jesus. As we prepare to celebrate this great feast of love and joy may our hearts and lives be transformed by an encounter with he who is Mighty God and Prince of Peace, Emmanuel (God-with-us) – Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The offerings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Damian. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. ***If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Christmas Offering.*** If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose Christmas Offering envelopes available at the back of church. Those of you who make your offering to the parish by standing order might also wish to use the Christmas Offering envelopes for your Christmas offering to the clergy of the parish. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

The Parish Team would like to thank parishioners for their cards, gifts and good wishes this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

### NEWSLETTER

There will be no Newsletter next weekend.

### REQUEST FROM FR SHAUN

As some of you already know, I will be away in New Zealand from 2<sup>nd</sup> January until 1<sup>st</sup> February. So that I am not literally buried in a sea of emails upon my return, from which I might not emerge until mid-February, I would be most grateful if parishioners would please not send me emails during January. During January admin matters can be referred to Kerry, our Parish Administrator, and pastoral matters can be directed to Fr Damian. I would be most grateful for your assistance with this. With thanks, *Fr Shaun*.

### AFTERPARTY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January after 6 pm Mass (starts 7pm-ish, finish 8 pm) in the parish hall at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Ping pong, hot chocolate, foosball & tea. Everyone is warmly invited, especially families with teenagers.

### TRAMPOLINING

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at Gravity Force St Albans. All young people in school year 7 to sixth form are very welcome to come along. Forms to sign up are available in the back of church.

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

**Readers, Welcomer's and Ministers of Holy Communion Rota** for January to March 2018 are available now at the back of the church.

### ST JOHN FISHER - WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE NEW YEAR

There will be **no** 9.30am weekday Masses at St John Fisher on the following dates: Tuesdays: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. Fridays: 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February. Masses on other Tuesdays and Fridays of January and February will be as normal.

## Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER	<b>10am</b> Agnes McAleenan RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<b>10am</b> J.J. (Jack) Crossan RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Declena & Eamon (Ints.)	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	<b>6pm</b> Valerie Foster RIP <b>11.30pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>5.30pm</b> For the People of the Parish <b>10.30pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Fabby Montesdecoa (Ints.) <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Margaret Connor RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR</i>	<b>10am</b> Deceased Members of the Guild of St. Stephen at Our Lady's		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>ST JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</i>		<b>10am</b> For the People of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>10am</b> Lance & Patrick Rooney RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		<b>10am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <i>6<sup>TH</sup> DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</i>	<b>10am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Patrick Dowling RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Maurice John Sargent RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Lee William Fitzgerald RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY</b> <i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	<b>10am</b> Kenny Family (Ints.)	<b>11am</b> Mary Furey & Family (Ints.)	<b>12 noon</b> Agnes McAleenan RIP
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY</b> <i>SS BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS &amp; DOCTORS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Anthony Kenneth D'Cruz RIP (Anniv.)		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Michael Ferry & Family (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Mrs McNamara (Ints.)		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>10.00am</b> Agnes McAleenan RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Kenneth & Terry Messer RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Michael Williams RIP <b>11am</b> Michael Jubber RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Joe Furey & Family (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Mike Townend.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Pat Beaton, Audrey and Paddy Lewin

**St John Fisher:** Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.