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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: Micah 5:1-4

### Response to Psalm:

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

### Communion Antiphon:

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2018

Christianity is about much more than being nice people, who do good - it is about being a follower of Jesus Christ. But before we can truly follow him, we need to meet him. In the gospel there are many different ways in which people met Jesus - one man got down out of a sycamore tree, another was lowered through a hole in the roof. In today's reading Elizabeth meets Jesus whilst he is in Mary's womb; and her own unborn child, John the Baptist, leaps with joy.

As Christmas approaches, we honour and praise the Blessed Virgin for her obedience and her courage to choose what is right, true, good and beautiful. She is the surest guide to Christ, and if we ask her, she will lead us too to encounter him, so that our lives can be lived honestly and generously; so that we can turn away from sin and towards Jesus. As Christians, we share in Mary's noble vocation, bound to bringing Christ to others, pointing to him through lives of compassion, service, and witness. May she who is "blessed among women" intercede for us so that we might do this as faithfully in our world as she did in hers.

### 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.

### ST JOHN FISHER 9.00AM MASS

Please could parishioners of all ages help with the decoration of the Christmas tree and crib after Sunday Morning Mass. Thank you.

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST 200 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

Congratulations to Edda Ali (£100), Christian Zammit (£30) and Kelly Jeffrey (£20).

### THREE PARISHES' PILGRIMAGE 2019 - LORETO, RAVENNA, BOLOGNA & FERRARA

The 2019 three parishes' pilgrimage will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will spend two nights in the town of Loreto to visit the Basilica of the Holy House and five night in the historic town of Ravenna, where we will have the opportunity to visit several churches containing the finest examples of Byzantine mosaics in the western world. From Ravenna we will also have two day trips: to the city of Bologna (with a visit to the shrine of St Dominic) and to the beautiful Renaissance city of Ferrara. Itineraries and booking forms are available in each parish. There are only a limited number of single rooms available. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

### ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth is a place to explore the big questions of life, faith, and meaning. In a series of 10 sessions you will be able to ask every question you want to ask, and say anything you want to say. Every evening starts with a hot meal (come hungry - free of charge, donations welcome), followed by a game, a good video and great conversation. No pressure, no judgment, no wrong answers. Practical details: every Friday from 7.00pm until 8.45pm, 25<sup>th</sup> January until 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at Our Lady's parish hall. Please let Anke know if you're planning to attend ([ankevos@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ankevos@rcdow.org.uk)) so we can count you in for catering. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening 1<sup>st</sup> March until Saturday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Young people who wish to be confirmed, and meet the requirements mentioned in previous newsletters, should write a letter (no emails please) to Fr Shaun by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**. No applications will be considered after this date.

## Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Michael Lambert RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Mary Casey (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Mark Banks RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Frances Carroll RIP	<b>9am</b> Una Maguire RIP (Anniv.)
<b>MONDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	<b>6pm</b> J.J. (Jack) Crossan RIP (Anniv.) <b>11.30pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>5.30pm</b> Pat & Kathleen Gallagher <b>10.30pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</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> Mary & Caty O'Donoghue	<b>9am</b> Denis & Josephine Holly RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <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>THURSDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>ST JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>10am</b> For the People of the Parish	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		<b>10am</b> Enid Mortimer RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>10am</b> Lance & Patrick Rooney RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Angiolina Ferrari RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Wallace Watkins RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Margaret Connor RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER <i>7<sup>TH</sup> DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</i>	<b>10am</b> John Halter RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY <i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	<b>11.00am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>12 noon</b> Kathleen Steele RIP	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Robert Barry RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY <i>SS BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS &amp; DOCTORS</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Miley Murphy RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Kenny D'Cruz RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 4 <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> 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Robert Barry RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Mary & Billy Kerins	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Patrick & Philip Dowling RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Jack Crowley RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Reg Viner RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> Walter Cockle RIP

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

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

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner, Robert Gibson and Jimmy Hughes.

**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, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams and Paul Kennett.