

22nd December 2019. 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24



Teach us to welcome Jesus, the promised Emmanuel, to preach the good news of his coming, that every age may know him as the source of redemption and grace.

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Sunday 22nd December 2019 4th Sunday of Advent

Masses: 9.00am, 12 noon and 7.30pm
4.00pm: Syro Malabar Rite

Monday 23rd December

Mass: 7.00am, 9.30am

Tuesday 24th December

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
Carol singing: 11.30pm
12: Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Mass: 9.00am, 12 noon

Thursday 26th December ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr

Mass: 7.00am, 9.30am

Friday 27th December ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist

Mass: 7.00am, 12 noon

Saturday 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs

Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 29th December 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Masses: 9.00am, 12 noon and 7.30pm

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22ND DECEMBER 2019

The Prayers and Readings begin on page 90 of the Parish Mass Book

Nativity of the Lord: Vigil Mass Prayers & Readings begins on page 95 of the Parish Mass Book.

Midnight Mass Prayers & Readings begins on page 98.

Mass at Dawn (9.00am) Prayers & Readings begins on page 101.

Mass During the Day (12 noon) Prayers & Readings begins on page 103.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

William Rynne, Johnny Delaney, Terence and Maria St Clair, Nora Rynne, Patrick McMahon, Lisa Dacunoz, Sam McKenzie, Bernadette Daniel, Lynn Dunbar, Michael Delaney, Mary O'Connor, Shaker Chudasama, Nella Fournillier, Powuna Gomes, Catherine Nott, Cheryl Davis, Alister Goodman, Niona Johnson, Mary Wallace, Albert Kadiri, Nicolau Dias, Fr Danny Horan, Domingo Fernandes, Margaret Fay and Mary Toussaint that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

PARISH REPOSITORY now has a good stock of a range of religious cards, calendars and other Christmas items. These can be purchased after week day 9.30am and Sunday 9.00am Masses.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK: 2020

Available from the Repository. Price £4.50.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2019

Tickets will be on sale after 6.30pm mass on Saturday. The 'Draw' will be held on Sunday 22nd December, in the Pastoral Centre after the 9.00am Mass. There are eleven prizes to be won.

CAROL SINGING in our Church car park will be held on Sunday 22nd

December from 5.30 to 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to joining with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas.

CHURCH CLEANING

The church will be closed for cleaning on Monday 23rd December after 9.30am mass until Tuesday 3.30pm. There will be no 7.00am and 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 24th December.

VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER ON LAST MONDAY

Following the thanking Mass, some 70 volunteers joined in the celebrations and enjoyed a delicious buffet organized by the Justice and Peace and Mothers Groups. Thank you once again to all our volunteers and especially those who organized the party.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

Tuesday 24th December

5.30pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas

11.30pm: Carol Service

12 Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December

Mass at 9.00am and 12noon

NO EVENING MASS

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2019 The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. Please drop your donations in donation baskets provided near the Crib in the Marian Centre after all Christmas Masses. Alternatively you may drop the money in the donation box near St. Anthony's Shrine. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

Due to Government Health and Safety regulations, we are obliged to limit the number of people in the Church at any time. Consequently, for the Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve services, when we expect large numbers of worshippers, we will fill the church with as many people as are safely permitted and then divert the overflow to the Pastoral Centre and Marian Centre- where there will be video and audio coverage of the services. For the benefit of all, please co-operate with the Ushers who will be identified by their badges. Church Car Park spaces will be restricted to the elderly and disabled.

Please note: Parking will be available free of charge in the car park at Empire Way for Midnight Mass at **both Christmas and New Year's Eve.**

DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS Special white envelopes are available in the church porch for those who donate by standing order or do not have planned giving envelopes and who wish to gift aid their Christmas contribution. Please fill in your details as required, insert your donation and place your sealed envelope in the normal collection bag.

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

On Friday 27th December - the rule of **ABSTINENCE** does **NOT** apply.