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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'**God-is-with-us!**' God sent His only Son on earth to be born of human stock. His name is Jesus and His mother's name is Mary. He is the Saviour of all the world, and through Him we are called to real holiness of life.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The next baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We wish our Teachers, Ancillary Staff, Parents, Grand-Parents and Pupils a very blessed and restful Christmas holiday and thank you for all your dedicated work this last term.

We have been delighted by the beautiful rendering of the Nativity story by the Children from our Primary School.



We look forward now to celebrating with you the Feast of our Saviour's birth and thank you in anticipation of your prayerful attendance and support. A special fawn coloured sheet has been prepared detailing all the times of the Masses.

England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years. In 1381, King Richard 11 dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later, and so for 1,000 years Walsingham has been a shrine of prayer and pilgrimage. On 29th March 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' Mgr John Armitage, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after Parish Mass. Beginning Wednesday 1st January 2020, we will recite the Angelus after each Mass.

Please note we have several funerals in the new year. Margaret Kelly January 3rd at 9.30am; John Doyle January 2nd at 12.30pm; Zophia Lozinska 7th January 12.00 noon and Bridget Mary Bishop 10th January 10am. Details available on the back of the Newsletter. Please remember the deceased in your prayers.

On sale this weekend we have St Augustine's Diaries 2020 cost £1.00 money to CAFOD.

From January 1st 2020, a new system will come into operation regarding the sale of Catholic Newspapers. We need to know who would like a copy of each newspaper. Please add your name and the name of newspaper you require to list in the Sacristy. Thank you.

<p>21st December Saturday St Canisius O ORIENS</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 12.30pm Deceased Members of O'Callaghan Family John Cameron-RIP Hayde & Purcell Families</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>22nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT EMMANUEL –God-Is-With-Us Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 9.00am Anne McClean-Intention 11.00am Zygfird & Wanda Cettler-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p> 
<p>23rd December Monday Advent Feria St John Kanty</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7 Matthew 21:23-27 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Adrian McGee-RIP</p>	
<p>24th December Tuesday CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Matthew 1:1-25 12.30pm Deceased members of Mullen & McNamara Families Deceased members of Reynold s Family 4.00pm Ledda & Vito-Intention Thomas, Catherine, Frances Anne Kelly & Jim Kinnard-RIP Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 8.30pm M. Webb-Intention Ellen & Pat Brogan-Intention All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Confession 11am-12.00 noon Legion of Mary 6.15pm 8.00pm Carols & Readings</p>
<p>25th December Wednesday SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 9.00am Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 11.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP</p>	
<p>26th December Thursday FEAST St Stephen</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 9.35pm The Rosary 10.00am Patrick Withers-RIP Rod Bolton-RIP</p>	<p>No Exposition Today</p>
<p>27th December Friday FEAST St John The Apostle</p>	<p>1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Frank Woods-RIP 6.30pm Charles Jones-RIP</p>	<p>No Exposition No Holy Hour</p>
<p>28th December Saturday FEAST Holy Innocents</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 12.30pm Mary Concannon & Mary Pilley-RIP Maureen Aylward-Intention Eileen Cowman-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>29th December Feast of the Holy Family</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 9.00am Mary & John Edge-RIP 11.00am All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,387:20 (Gift Aid £305:01 Loose £1,082:19)

Second Collection last weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese:£608:94

CHRISTMAS EVE/ CHRISTMAS DAY

READERS

12.30pm Kate McNamara
4.00pm Anthony Killeen
8.00pm Madeleine Coburn
Chris Hodrien
Michael Keating
Denis O' Sullivan
8.30pm Mass- Gerry Coburn

9.00am Maria Marsey
11.00am Chris Hodrien

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

12.30pm Annette Kelly
4.00pm Stephanie Withers
8.30pm Angela Keating

9.00am
11.00am Annette Kelly Eilish Duffy

YELLOW TICKET RAFFLE WINNERS- Please collect prize from the Presbytery; bring ticket with you to claim prize.

125 Percy Penguin Chocolate Bar	284 Tin of Amaretti Biscuits	321 Bottle of Port	360 Towel Bale
441 Ferrero Chocolates	518 Gold Bow Black Magic Hamper	527 Snow Star	
633 Bottle of Cream Sherry	634 Box of Cadbury Milk Tray	660 Maroon Bow Hamper	

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM- Safeguarding Advisor required. 35 hours per week. Details available on notice board.

CAROL SINGING IN MELL SQUARE- Saturday 21st December 1.30pm-2.00pm. All are welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA have produced free Christmas Poster for you to display in your homes. Please help yourself. Available in both porches.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE- 116th Annual Fundraising Ball Saturday 1st February 2020; 7.30pm-1am. St John's Hotel Warwick Road Solihull. Please see poster in porch for details.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING- Birmingham St Mary's Hospice. 11th/12th January 2020 in exchange for a donation your tree will be collected and recycled. Book today; www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/treecycling or telephone 0121 752 8779. See poster in porch for details.

With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at <http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020>. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Anthony Killeen
Bernard McHale
11.00am Chris Hodrien
Juliana Benjamin

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 23rd for Services December 28th/29th December-C

Marguerite Pearsall, Anne Hallissey, Julia McGovern, Katrina Hicken

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 23rd for Services 24th/25th December- Withers/P.Raponi

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Mary Deneny & Angela Keating
Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
11.00am Eilish Duffy
Annette Kelly

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Keith Frettsome	Martin Yates	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Tonimo Polidori
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	June Elspeth Hoefkens
Trevor Windle	Colette Hickey	Danny Meadows	Kathleen Beale	Martha Sheridan

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE

‘When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home’ Matthew 1:24

God-with-us, You came and made your home

Among us, Nurtured and protected

By Joseph and Mary.

As we prepare to celebrate your birth be with us now, Especially with those

Who are seeking refuge, Who long for a place to call home.

Comfort and protect them, O Lord. Amen

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

All loving God,
you created the human family
as a reflection of your own divine life
so that your [creation](#) might share in your happiness.

Hear our [prayer](#) for your daughter
who awaits the birth of her child.
She has cooperated with you in giving life.
Assist her now as she prepares to give birth
to the child in her womb.
May [Mary](#) be her guide and support,
calming her fears and strengthening her love.

May your daughter be filled with your peace and blessing
so that she may bring her child into this world
safely and in [good](#) health to the praise and
glory of your name.
Amen.



Please pray for: John Doyle (Requiem Thursday 2nd January 12.30pm) Margaret Kelly (Requiem Friday 3rd January 9.30am; Reception Thursday 2nd January 6pm), Zophia Lozinska (Requiem Tuesday 7th January 12.00 noon) and Bridget Mary Bishop (Requiem Friday 10th January 10am; Reception Thursday 9th January 6pm) who died recently. Also Elizabeth Morgan, Damian Peter Crow, Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Manton, Frank Woods, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Norman Lawrence Hart, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney, Lilian Josephine Roe, Doreen Mary Essex, Gerard Mc Veigh, Gerald Reddington, Mary Concannon, Mary Bernadette Pilley, Thomas Kennedy and Helen Patricia Bird Martin McNamara, Pat Mullen, Maureen Mullen, Ann Hughes and all with anniversaries at this time.

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