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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR OF MARK

SATURDAY 19TH	5.00pm	Holy Mass	Ida & Angelo Miguel Lombardi
SUNDAY 20TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tom, Brian & Michael Stankard Seamus Hannon Brigid Collins
MONDAY 21ST	10.00am 6.30pm-8.00pm	Holy Mass Confessions	Wallis Family
TUESDAY 22ND	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Mass Reception	Nicholas Day & the Feeney Family James Farmer
WEDNESDAY 23RD	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass Confessions Requiem	Kim Johnson (nee McNamee) James Farmer
THURSDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Confessions	Angelo Anthony

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE	3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass	Kevin Biggs Mary & Kevin Connolly Intentions of Myra Hill
FRIDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY	Midnight Mass 8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Christmas Night Mass of Dawn Mass of the Day Mass of the Day	Monsignor Tom Gavin & The People of the Parish Anthony & Marie Keegan Sandra Phelan & the Holy Souls Mary Teresa Carroll
SATURDAY 26TH FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	11.00am	Holy Mass NO EVENING MASS	Pat & Brendan Galvin / Bond & Connor Families

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY 27TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tim Hanly Sandra Phelan & the Holy Souls Bernadette Richards
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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartandHolySoulsAcocksGreen

The Fourth Sunday in Advent - We enter the final week of the Holy Season of Advent. With Mary and Joseph we journey to Bethlehem. They faced such challenges and were gifted with God's salvation in His beloved Son. We to face many challenges in our own time, but in welcoming Christ the Lord he offers us the gift of salvation. In the Gospel account of the Annunciation, Mary's acceptance of her role in the events of our salvation inspire us to open our lives to the amazing gifts the Lord can offer us.

Blessing of Cribs - As is our custom, this Sunday at the end of Mass we will bless all of your cribs. Please bring the figure of Jesus with you or the crib itself. For those at home watching the livestream have your crib ready for the blessing. Make sure your crib is in your home this Christmas. Remember home is a holy place where God dwells with us!

Preparing for Christmas

Booking Christmas Mass - Thank you for the way in which you have cooperated with the booking system for Christmas Masses. This has been very important to ensure that we can attend Christmas Mass safely. The 3pm, 5pm & 7pm Masses on Christmas Eve are now fully booked. There are spaces available at Midnight Mass, and 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon Masses on Christmas Day. It is essential that you complete a booking form indicating the number of seats you require. Please only book for those who are in your bubble whom you know will attend the Mass with you. When you have completed a booking form please return it to the box in the church and or to the presbytery or via the parish e-mail.

Stewards and Cleaners Briefing - There will be a short briefing for all those helping with the stewarding and cleaning of the church at Christmas this afternoon at 4pm in the church. Many thanks for all your help.

Stewards and Cleaners Needed - An urgent request now for additional help with stewarding and cleaning at the Midnight Mass. If you feel you can help us with assisting people coming to this Mass and or cleaning the benches after the Mass, please let Fr Jonathan or Fr Alex know asap or come to the meeting at 4pm today.

Music at Christmas Masses - Whilst we are unable to sing as a congregation at Mass, it is possible to have a small group of cantors to sing. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with music at the Masses. We could do with further help from singers for 3pm Mass and the Midnight Mass. If you can help please let Fr Jonathan know as soon as possible.

Christmas Poinsettias - As is our custom, we would like to invite parishioners to bring poinsettia plants to church to place around the crib at Christmas in memory of a loved one who will not be part of our celebration of Christmas. Please bring them to the church or presbytery in the coming days, preferably before Christmas Eve.

Christmas Card - Please accept a Christmas Card from Fr Jonathan and Fr Alex. It comes with our prayers and good wishes for Christmas. Please take additional cards for parishioners unable to come to Mass at this time. It is so important that they know of our prayers and wishes for them.

Confessions - For those of you who are able to come to Confession this week there are plenty of opportunities available to you. Monday evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm, Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am, Christmas Eve 10.30am-11.30am.

Christmas Offerings to the Clergy - The traditional offering to the parish clergy is made at the Christmas Masses. We are most grateful for your support at this time. There are offering envelopes for you to take away today.

It's not too Late - To obtain Christmas cards and Mass cards if you need them. Somebody from the Piety team will be available to each

Mass to assist you from our restricted and virtual stock. Diocesan directories are also available priced £4.

St Stephen's Day - The parish has missed the presence of our dedicated young people who serve so faithfully in the sanctuary. It would be wonderful to see as many of our altar servers at Mass on St Stephen's Day as a sign of your continuing commitment to serving and praying for an end to the pandemic.

Finance

Finance - I am very grateful to so many of you for continuing to provide your weekly offerings during lockdown and all those who are supporting by standing order and gift aid. These are such difficult times for so many people. Thank you to so many of you who are making up your contributions over the weeks of lockdown. The income you provide continues to help us offer as much as we can for the parish and keep our building and resources running.

Parish Tote - The winning numbers are 2, 8, 10, 20. **No Jackpot winner.** 5 people had 3 numbers – K Carroll, Cara Lenihan & D Mooney each received £60 each. **Jackpot next week is £1,700 and will be drawn on Wednesday 23d. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have to be in it to win it.** Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the designated collection boxes which are located on departure from the church.

Christmas Raffle - Please return your tickets today as we hope to draw the raffle this evening. We will contact winners by phone and publish a list on the web-site and on the newsletter next weekend. Tickets are still available. Please return your counterfoils by 2pm today. Many thanks!

Catholic Education

Holy Souls - During the season of Advent the children have taken part in special assemblies, Advent challenges, on-line penitential services and Masses. Cards have been made by them and are being distributed to some of the sick and housebound of the parish.

Archbishop Ilsey - The students have once more prepared hampers to share with those in great need and those who are vulnerable at this time. We thank them for their outreach and generosity.

St Teresa of Calcutta Carol Service - We hope that some of you were able to take part in our virtual multi academy carol service last Thursday. Holy Trinity School, Holy Souls and Archbishop Ilsey working together to serve the needs of our young people and support them in their spiritual and faith development.

A Special Thank You

Dear Parishioners, It was good to be back last weekend to celebrate the Masses and to preach and see many of you. I want to thank you for your many kindnesses over my four years in the parish and for the presentation that you made to me. I do look forward to returning to the parish in the future when please God, it will be easier for us to meet. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. Fr Tomas.

And finally... We are conscious these are difficult days for everyone as we plan to celebrate Christmas may be with family and friends and facing difficult decisions that have to be made. We know that many people are unable to come to Mass at Christmas and that will bring sadness for them and their families. Please remember that Christmas is more than one day - it is season all the way until the Baptism of the Lord in January. I hope and pray that if you are unable to come to Mass on Christmas Day there will be an opportunity for you to come on other occasions during the Holy Season. Fr Alex and myself assure you of our prayers and good wishes for the great feasts of our faith that are ahead.

Fr Jonathan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Cedric Farrell, James Farmer

Anniversaries of Death: James McTernan, Margaret McTernan, Delia Hennigan, James Devine, Patrick Sullivan, Mary Flaherty, John Durnion, Patricia Jagers, Tony Hazard, Ellen Finn, Rita McSherry, Hubert Holohan, James Harmon, John Keegan, Una Bolger, Fr. Peter Rogers, Michael Connaughton, Maureen Watchorn, Bridget Collins, Joseph Walker, Mark Holland, Jean Ryan, Mary Ellen Plunkett, Bartholomew Looby,

Sick and Housebound: Myra Hill, Maureen Lambert, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Kathleen Watson, Ann Farrell, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.