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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR OF MARK

SATURDAY 12TH	5.00pm	Holy Mass	Una & Kevin Bolger
SUNDAY 13TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Naresh Parmer Patrick McGann Fr Nicarcus Sandu
MONDAY 14TH ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	10.00am	Holy Mass	Hubert Holohan
TUESDAY 15TH ADVENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Sean Newell
WEDNESDAY 16TH ADVENT FERIA	7.00am 10.00am	Rorate Mass Holy Mass	Brendan McGlacken Desmond Murray
THURSDAY 17TH "O SAPIENTIA"	10.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Tom Williams
FRIDAY 18TH "O ADONAI"	7.00am 10.00am	Rorate Mass Holy Mass	Martin Collins Martin Lenihan
SATURDAY 19TH "O RADIX JESSE"	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Wiggin Family

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SATURDAY 19TH	4.00 - 4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Ida & Angelo Miguel Lombardi
SUNDAY 20TH "O CLAVIS DAVID"	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tom, Brian & Michael Stankard Seamus Hannon Bridget Collins

PUBLIC MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartandHolySoulsAcocksGreen

Welcome Back - To Fr Tomas who is with us this weekend to preach and celebrate our parish Masses. We will be making a presentation to him as a mark of our thanksgiving for his four years of priestly ministry in the parish.

Journey through Advent

Gaudate Sunday - We have arrived at the Midway point of Advent and we are invited to rejoice that the coming of Christ in glory is ever more near. The colour of rose is used in our liturgy today to express our joy at the Lord's coming.

Advent Part Two - This begins on Thursday where our focus moves towards our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Each day is marked by a special title given to Jesus taken from the "O Antiphons" that are used in the Church's evening prayer on these days. The titles and antiphons express our longing for the Lord to come and our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Rorate Masses - Our Masses in candlelight in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary are celebrated on **Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7am**. This is the final week for these Masses, so please make a special effort to come and participate as we pray for the coming of the Lord like the dawn from on high.

Wait in Joyful Hope - A meditation by Zoom on Monday evening at 7pm on the Magnificat the song of Our Lady and Mary's role in our story of faith as we await Christ's coming in glory. We have received great feedback on the last two sessions from those who attended and we hope many people will enjoy this time of prayer and reflection. You will need to download the Zoom app onto your computer or Tablet and then email the parish preferably by 5pm on Monday for a link to the meeting. It would be wonderful if many of you could join together for this reflection. holsoulschurch@yahoo.co.uk

Walk with Me - The daily devotional booklets for Advent are still available in church for you to take away. We know that many of you enjoy these daily meditations as part of your Advent prayer.

Daily Facebook Posts - Follow us on our parish Facebook page *Sacred Heart and Holy Souls* where Fr Jonathan and Fr Alex will post some brief daily reflections to guide you through the Advent Season.

Advent with our Children and Young People - During this coming week the children in Holy Souls will take part in an Advent penitential service. They will also be taking part in a special end of term Mass on Thursday via the livestream. Students from Archbishop Ilsley will be donating hampers for the poor and needy in the city community and the hampers will be blessed at a Mass during the week.

Finance

Finance - I am very grateful to so many of you for continuing to provide your weekly offerings during lockdown and all those who re 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 9, 10, 15, 24. **No Jackpot winner.** 5 people had 3 numbers – Peter Conway, Angela O'Toole, Christine Evans, Pauline Carter & Mary Corbett, each received £40 each. **Jackpot next week is £1,650 – You have got 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 - A massive thank you for all the prizes that have come in for the raffle and for the hamper. You are so very kind. Please return your tickets today or by next Sunday as we will hope to draw the raffle next Sunday night. Tickets are still available. Please return your counterfoils as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Preparing for Christmas

We are continually told that it is going to be a very different Christmas this year. All of the restrictions will have an impact upon our Christmas Masses. However, we are working hard to try and get as many people safely into church over Christmas as is possible. To achieve this on Christmas Eve there will be Vigil Masses at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. The first Mass of Christmas Day will be celebrated at Midnight. On Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8.30am, 10am, & 12noon.

Booking System for Christmas - Because of the demand for seats at the Christmas Masses it will be **ESSENTIAL** that people reserve a place for the Mass they wish to attend. You are asked to take a booking form away and return it as soon as possible. Please only book for yourself and anyone who is attending this Mass with you from your "bubble." If you have a mobility issue and require a seat with easy access please indicate on the form. It is really important that we all play our part in ensuring we provide the correct information. Please spread the word amongst family, friends and fellow parishioners that this information must be provided. Thank you for your help. Fr Jonathan.

Booking Update - We are currently full for 3pm and 5pm Masses on Christmas Eve. Please book alternative Masses. We will confirm bookings by phone or e-mail. Please ensure you give correct details to allow us to contact you!

Cleaning and Stewarding at Christmas - Thanks to all the stewards who are helping with the Christmas Masses. We require additional stewards and cleaners to help with Midnight Mass. Please let one of the priests know if you can help.

Stewards / Cleaners Meeting - There will be a short briefing for all the stewards and cleaners **next Sunday in church at 4pm.**

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 volunteered to help. If you would like to assist us in this way at any of the Christmas Masses, please let Fr Jonathan know as soon as possible. It would make such a difference to our Christmas Masses.

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. These will be gratefully received after 21st December.

Blessing of Cribs - As is our custom, next 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!

Coffee Morning by Zoom - Tuesday at 11am. If you have not joined us before. Please email the parish and a link to the meeting will be sent out.

St Teresa of Calcutta MultiAcademy Catholic Company Carol Service - You are invited to view and to enjoy our 'Virtual Advent Carol Service' on Thursday 17th December from 1.30pm – 2.15pm.

To view this Service, please access the Academy Website on www.stocmac.org.uk You will see a banner on the front page entitled 'Join us for our Advent Carol Service' and will be encouraged to 'Click here' which will then direct you to the Service. There is a range of vocal and instrumental performances from pupils and staff at Holy Souls Catholic Primary School, Archbishop Ilsley Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Please sing along from the safety and comfort of your own homes and we aim for this Service to bring joy to our communities. We hope that this year, our Academy will start a special tradition that will become an annual event and enjoyed for many years to come.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Karen Curran & James Farmer

Anniversaries of Death: Anne Donohoe, Doreen Delaney, Mary Hadland, Mary Waldron, Eileen Eric Wesley, Teresa Constable, Patrick Kelleher, Joan Craven, Gerard McGuinness, Owen Flynn, Margaret McGeough, Michael Plant, Antonio Costanza, Eileen McCormack, Dominic wall, Dennis Wilkes, Stanley Olden and Bridget Jordan

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.