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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

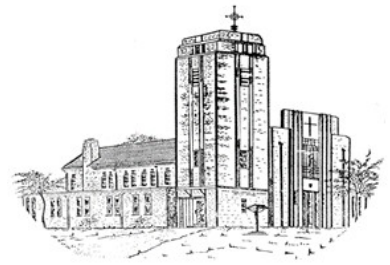
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
YEAR C**

**18th December to 26th
December 2021**

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

Listen to God during Mass

Talk to others after Mass

**Today's Mass
Readings**

Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79;

Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:39-45

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent - the final Sunday before Christmas. Today's Liturgy give us Mary, the humble maid of Nazareth, to imitate as she was the one who first welcomed Christ at the first Christmas. The Gospel passage recounts the moving story of Mary's visit to her elderly cousin, Elizabeth.

The lovely story of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth has rich significance. It is the story of two mothers-to-be sharing their joy at becoming the bearers of the incredible miracle of new life. However, the Visitation story, as told by Luke, has deeper meaning. The Visitation is a meeting of joy and faith. As soon as Mary enters into the presence of Elizabeth, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and praises Mary for her faith and trust in God: **"Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."** Both Mary and Elizabeth already anticipated the joy of God's presence and salvation unfolding before them. This beautiful meeting leads us into the very centre of Advent, namely the prayerful anticipation of the mystery of the Incarnation.

The importance of Christmas today suffers from consumerism. In this way we enjoy anticipating Christmas. We exchange gifts, hold Christmas parties, sing songs, visit relatives and Godparents, decorate lavishly and buy new things for ourselves, etc. Nonetheless, the Visitation story helps us to ask these questions: Do we share our faith? Do we talk about the great event of the Incarnation? Do we share how Christmas has affected our relationship with God? Do we marvel at the love of God and the great sacrifice Jesus had made for us? It seems that we do everything to make Christmas unforgettable but we choose to forget about sharing our faith.

Mary is a model and symbol of faith and joy. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

I wish you a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas, particularly those who are unable to attend the Christmas Mass once again this year. May the blessings of Christmas embrace you and your family.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Bernadette O'Reilly, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember, David Brian, Dennis Wheeler, Ivy Herbert, Mary O'Mahony, Eileen Kearns, Sarah Hayes, Monica Humphreys, Doris Roarty, Andrew Johnson, Lilian Heath, James Haugh, Sahar Hayes, Patricia Mullen, Elizabeth Rees, Jack Biddle, Tony Clarke, Kathleen Golden, Teresa Cole, Edith Mullen, Vera Csusmi, John Yule, Sarah Dyson, Colleen Watson, Dorcas Attridge, and all those whose anniversary occur at this time.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND MASS AT HOLY NAME

This year the Christmas Masses are as follows:

On Christmas Eves 6:00pm and 8:30pm.

And Christmas Day 8:30am and 10:30am.

There will be taped carols before these Masses. We will not be taking bookings this year and the normal seating arrangements in Church will apply on the first come first serve basis.

Sunday the 26th December, Feast of the Holy Family, the Masses are 8:30am and 10:30am as usual.

The Servers are invited to come to the 10:30am Mass to renew their promises.

These arrangements may be subject to change according to any revised government guidelines

READERS AND MINISTERS

The new Rotas for Readers and Ministers are now available from the Church Porch. If any existing readers and ministers would like to re-join the rota please let the Parish Office know.

This Week Saturday 18th December – Sunday 26th December (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 18th December Advent Feria	12:30 pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR. VINCENT AND BR. ANDREW	8:30 am Ella Franchesca Shannon RIP 10:30 am Rose, Malachy and Michael Farnan RIP	
Monday 20th December Advent Feria	10:00 am John Ing - Private Mass	
Tuesday 21st December Advent Feria	10:00 am Michael Freeman RIP - Private Mass	
Wednesday 22nd December Advent Feria	11:00 am Holy Rosary 11:30 am Rose Bohan	5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
Thursday 23rd December Advent Feria	10:00 am Nancy Grogan - Private Mass	12noon Wedding Service
Friday 24th December Advent Feria	11:30am Mary and Sean Lynch RIP	

The Season of Christmas

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve	6:00pm First Mass of Christmas 8:30pm Christmas Mass (Midnight Liturgy)	
Saturday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass of the Dawn 10:30am Mass During the Day	
Sunday 26th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	8:30 am People of the Parish 10:30 am For Altar Servers	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£ 309.79**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£239.50**

**Parish Levies:
£172.41**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
October
£1,657**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 227**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make donation for the Christmas Flowers, please put the money in the envelope and bring it to the office.

Thank you.

Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Either Ecclesiasticus
3: 2-6, 12-14;
Ps 127;
Colossians 3:12-21;
Luke
2:41-52

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES - PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- Face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible (bearing in mind that the 40+ age group can apply for the booster vaccination, and that the period between 2nd dose and booster is reduced to 12 weeks).
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Fr. Vincent SCJ, Bro. Andrew SCJ, Payal Gordhan (Parish Secretary) and Parish Staff, with loving thoughts at Christmas, wish everyone in our parish & school communities a Blessed and Safe Christmas. May you and your loved ones enjoy a happy and healthy New Year filled with joy and God's love.

*Merry
Christmas*