

*“Though we are many, we are one body in Christ”*



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**Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

<b>THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST</b>		<p>Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent which offers us a real sense of hope, joy and encouragement as we continue our journey of faith to celebrate on Christmas Day. The liturgy encourages us to undergo a change of heart and make a new and determined effort to fulfil our responsibilities as disciples of Christ. The theme of Advent is the call to conversion and renewal, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas, It gives us an opportunity to stand back a little from our busy and often hectic lives, to reflect on where we stand with God our Saviour. Let us endeavour to prepare well this Advent by reading and listening carefully to God's Word, to make a good and heartfelt confession, to love Jesus more and more in the Most Holy Eucharist and recognise Jesus in each other, especially in the most needy. Have a Blessed Advent! God Bless</p>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 6:00pm – 9:30pm	<b>Mass followed by Friends In The Holy Spirit Service (Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group)</b>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 4:00pm 5:00 pm–5:45pm 5:00pm–6:00pm 6:00pm	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b> Mass – Intentions of Eileen Maughan Mass – Thanksgiving for Patrick, Rosemary Okogwu and Family Mass – People of the Parish <b>LOURDES PILGRIMS MEETING IN THE PARISH CENTRE</b> <b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Mass – Susan Valley RIP	
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>		
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – For The Souls in Purgatory Mass – Darren Grainger RIP <b>Francis Chappell &amp; Sons Memorial Carol Service</b> <b>Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in the Parish Centre</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – Welfare of Finula Waters Mass – Welfare of Sophia Amaya Morris <b>Bible Study Group</b>	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b> Mass – Dr Philomena Isichei RIP Mass – Welfare of Rosalind Burrows	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</b> Mass – Intentions of Fr Henry Mass – HCPT Group 160 <b>PARISH SURGERY IN THE PARISH CENTRE</b> <b>PRAYER GROUP – ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Mass – Thanksgiving for Evelyn Akinola Mass – Thanksgiving for Victoria Arekpitan Aigbirhio Mass – Gregory Vabe RIP Anniversary <b>Friends In The Holy Spirit Service (Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group)</b> <b>Legion of Mary</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00am–12 noon 11:00am–12:30pm 12:00 noon 12:30pm 5:15pm–5:45pm 6:00pm	<b>Our Lady</b> <b>Sacrament of Confession</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Mass – Edwin Charles Ralph Sevenoaks RIP <b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Mass – Noel Moran RIP and Deceased Members of the Family	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 5:00 pm–5:45pm 5:00pm–6:00pm 6:00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b> Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Christina Gentleman RIP- Anniversary Mass – Thanksgiving for Nkadi Erokwu (Birthday) <b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Mass – In Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham and St Joseph	
		<b>The Nigerian Community</b> A meeting will be held after the 11:45am Mass this Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December in the Parish Centre.
		<b>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE BUILDING FUND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT</b>

### Sick and housebound



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family. We pray especially for the following: Lily Beavis, Annie D'Sa, Emmanuel Meshe, Margaret Jeffrey, Joe D'Souza, Lena Rozario-Martin, Francis Ayodele, Barry Newton, Catherine Garraway, Patrick Duffy, Adriene Kelleher, Dave Hawkins, John Branch, Danny Dyer, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Nina Donovan, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Joseph Tommy Le, Jo O'Connell, Merlie Perera, Maureen Brazier, David Orell, Francis Matajo, Tomisin Iddrisu, Tomosina Gloria Watkins, Eli Ladislaus Otto Cox, Louie Kitt, Jayne Shoboiki, Helen Dickens, Noone Dunlevy, Margaret Dickens, Miroslav Krejcar, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Michael and Shirley Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Veron McNair, Dinky Gennon, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cynthia Boltiador, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Mary Healey, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Michelle Morris, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Mary Angela McInerney, Dudley Simmonds, Sister Annunciata, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

### ANNIVERSARIES



We commend to God's mercy the following whose anniversaries occur around this time. -- **Passy Nalubega, Patrick McCabe, Bonifacio Pacheco, Pauline Booten, Teresa Galvin, Maurice David Hassall, Tommy Cunney, Julia Bryant, Anne Clarke, Annie Mascal, Frank Ciatea, William Penfold,**

**Henry Payne, Fenton Keyes, Jack Nugent, Elsie Condon, John Cennelly, Philomena, Wilson Fernandes, Issabella Pinto, Mrs Feekey, Veronica Bard, Jimmy Brennon, William McDonald, Sadie Turner and Margaret Egan.**

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their baby baptised in **JANUARY 2018**

should attend the following Baptism Catechesis Programmes  
**Session 1 is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Session 2 is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

These programmes will start at 7pm and finish at 9pm and will be held in the Parish Centre. You are reminded that you need to meet with one of the parish clergy before attending these Sessions. You will find them available on Thursday evenings during Parish Surgery.

**Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 1:15pm after the 11:45am Mass.**

Learning from past experience, we request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised in the future, to bring their own baptism certificates along with their request form as proof that they are Catholics when they attend Parish Surgery. GODPARENTS will need to get a letter from their parish priest to say they are practicing Catholics.

### BAPTISM 7+ PROGRAMME

**This programme takes place every Saturday morning at 10:00am in the Parish Centre.**

**Holy Baptism will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.**

### First Holy Communion Programme

**Classes commence on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9:45am. Please make sure your child is on time for these classes.**

### CONFIRMATION 2018

**'Introduction to Confirmation' meeting for Candidates and their parents/carers on Saturday 16th December 2017 at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre.**

Confirmation programme commences on Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10:00 am at the Parish Centre.

**Bishop Pat Lynch will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.00pm.**

### Wedding Announcement

This is to notify that Chinenye Scholastica Okeke and Chigozie Emmanuel Ezekwem will be getting married on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at St Augustine Catholic Church, Nigeria. We take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to them.

### WELCOME MINISTERS

The Welcome Ministers will be making their annual renewal of their commitment to this service for the parish. This will take place after the homily at each of the Sunday Masses, today the first Sunday of the Church's year.

### READERS ANNUAL RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Next Sunday is Bible Sunday, when our Readers are due to make their annual renewal of their commitment to this ministry,

Readers will be called forward by the celebrant for a short rite of renewal immediately after the homily. Copies of the rite will be available for Readers immediately before Mass next week.

**There will be a practice session for Readers at 9.30am on Saturday, 9th December.**

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

**This Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Fr Michael and 23 pilgrims will be travelling to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

**They return on Monday evening.**

**Let us pray that they will have a fruitful and prayerful pilgrimage.**

### THE LIVING ROSARY

Today is the First Sunday of the month. We will change the Mysteries of the Living Rosary in the Church at 5:00pm. All members of The Rose of Our Lady of Fatima; as well as parishioners are very welcome.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2017 December:** The Elderly that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Deacon Peter

### Flowers

During the Advent Season we will not be displaying any flowers in the church in accordance with the church norm. If you would like to make a donation to decorate the church for Christmas, it will be greatly appreciated.

Would **Miss C V S Paldano** please make yourself known to Fr Michael. Thank you

**Last Week's Collection was £1,251.66  
Gift Aid of £539.85  
giving us a parish total of £1,791.51**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £303.36**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HOME**