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Sunday 23rd December 2018 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018 to EPIPHANY 6th January 2019** (Yr C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.15pm (Saturday 22nd December 2018)

Maureen O'Sullivan RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

11.30am Lucy Solan RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm Christopher Nwabueze RIP

Monday 24th December 2018

Christmas Eve - day

7.30am Anna Kozłowska

10am Margaret Mensah

(NB: No Confessions)

Christmas Eve – evening & night

6pm Children's Nativity Tableau

6.15pm Children's Mass

11.30pm Christmas Carols

(With the Polyphony Choir)

12 Midnight Mass of Christmas

People of the Parish

(Polyphony Choir singing)

Tuesday 25th December 2018

Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

08.30 All sick & housebound parishioners

10.00 Anthony Agius RIP

11.30 People of the parish

(NB: No Benediction)

(NB: No 5pm Mass)

Wednesday 26th December 2018

St Stephen, the first Martyr (Feast)

7.30am Berta D'Costa RIP

10am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

Thursday 27th December 2018

St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am Yvette Shelley's friends & family

10am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Friday 28th December 2018

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

7.30am Those who have died

through abortion

10am Daryl Desa RIP

Saturday 29th December 2018

St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr,

Patron of Pastoral Clergy (Feast)

10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

Sunday 30th December 2018

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

6.15pm (Saturday 29th December 2018)

Christopher Nawrat RIP

8.30am Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10am Georgie Murray RIP

11.30am Lily Armstrong RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Monday 31st December 2018

7.30am Alan Blaquiery (45th birthday)

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

12 Midnight People of the parish

Tuesday 1st January 2019

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

(Page 109 in the Parish Mass Book)

12 Noon People of the parish

(NB: No 7.30am or 10am Masses)

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and

Doctors of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Sister St Thomas More M.C.

10am Funeral of Francesco Amato

Thursday 3rd January 2019

The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Memorial)

7.30am Thomas Kennedy RIP

10am Phil Doyle

Friday 4th January 2019

First Friday of the month

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after

10am Mass, until Benediction at 2pm

7.30am Thanksgiving – Patricia Fernandez

10am Teresa Florek-Smail

Saturday 5th January 2019

10am Magdalena Bedkowska

Sunday 6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

6.15pm (Saturday 5th January 2019)

People of the parish

8.30am Iris Desmier RIP

10am Intentions of Anita & Alan Blaquiery

11.30am Bernardine Dympna Warren RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of the Chime family

Monday 7th January 2019

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Mary Woodward

Tuesday 8th January 2019

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Private intention

Wednesday 9th January 2019

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Eileen Carol

Thursday 10th January 2019

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Thanksgiving – Patrick Addison

Friday 11th January 2019

7.30am Holy Souls

10am John Okechukwu Maduka

and family (Novena)

Saturday 12th January 2019

St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot (Memorial)

10am First Holy Communion Inaugural Mass

Sunday 13th January 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

SPUC White Flower Appeal at all Masses

6.15pm (Saturday 12th January 2019)

(Intention to be announced)

8.30am People of the parish

10am Edgar Ming RIP

11.30am (Intention to be announced)

4pm Benediction

5pm Elizabeth Power

Daily Mass & Prayer

***Mass:** Monday - Friday: **7.30am**

***Morning Prayer of the Church**

Monday – Saturday: **9.15am**

***Adoration & Benediction.**

Monday – Saturday: **9.30am**

***Mass:** Monday – Saturday: **10am**

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday: **10.30am**

***Confessions:**

Saturday, after 10am Mass, until 11am;

then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm.

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday 23/12/2018 - P.90

Christmas Eve 6.15pm - P.94

Christmas Midnight P.97 (plus booklet)

Christmas Day (all Masses) P.102

Holy Family P.105

New Year's Eve Midnight

& New Year's Day Noon P.109

Epiphany (all Masses) P.115

Thank you for your continued generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £2294.00

(£1644.00 Baskets; £650.00 Standing Orders).

Details of the collections for today and into the New Year will appear in 13th/14th January edition, 2019, which will be the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

THANKS FROM THE SVP

A total of **£300.00** was collected at the Christmas concert last Sunday. Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Please take away one of our Christmas Cards.

Please also take a special Christmas Offering Envelope. By tradition, the collection at Christmas is shared between the priests of the parish. Gift Aid givers are reminded that there is a **YELLOW** Christmas envelope in their boxes. However, those wishing to use one of the special envelopes mentioned above, are asked to write their Gift Aid number on it.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey, Eileen McCarthy, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Francesco Amato**, of Woodmansterne Road, who died on Saturday 15th December 2018. His funeral will take place here on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 10am. Our sympathy and prayers as a parish to go his family.

Church Cleaning:

Group 6, this Christmas week please:

Group 1, Holy Family week please;

Group 2, Epiphany week please;

Group 3, Baptism of the Lord week please.

To join our cleaners, please contact the Parish Office.

FATHER INNOCENT IS GOING ON HOLIDAY

Father Innocent sets off for his home country of Nigeria on Boxing Day, 26th December 2018, returning at the end of January 2019. We all wish him a happy time away. During his absence, we shall again be welcoming Canon Joseph Collins to say the 10am and 11.30am Sunday Masses.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will not be fully manned over Christmas and New Year until Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Your patience awaiting a reply is greatly appreciated.

A BIG THANKYOU

As this newsletter goes to print, we are just two days away from Christmas. Huge thanks go to the many people who have helped to decorate the church, the trees, and the crib. The Carol Concert given by our Polyphony Choir and brass instruments last Sunday was a resounding success.

Everybody has practised their various roles and all is now ready for the Church to welcome Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour as he enters into history in the humble stable at Bethlehem. A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Two questions for you:

1/ Would you like to become an Altar Server?

2/ Have you made your First Holy Communion?

If the answer to **both** these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new Servers coming soon. It will take place across **both Sunday 17th February and Sunday 24th February 2019 at 6pm, immediately following the 5pm Mass each time.**

Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**. Please collect an **application form** from the Sacristy, and return it before **Sunday 10th February 2019** so that we can get an idea of the numbers.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019

Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8pm

Introductory meeting for all parents and guardians in the hall. It is most important that all parents and guardians must attend this meeting. Dates for each child's First Holy Communion will be given, and the "I Belong" books will be distributed.

Saturday 12th January 2019 from 9.30am – 12 Noon For Children, Parents & Guardians, **STARTING IN THE CHURCH.** The morning begins at 9.30am with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, before which Morning Prayer will take place at 9.15am. If you arrive during Adoration, please do so quietly and remember to genuflect on both knees in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, provided you are physically able.

Everybody will then remain in the Church for the inaugural Mass which will take place at 10am. After Mass, the children will receive a tour of the church, whilst parents and guardians will go over to the hall for their first session, "Bread and Wine" The children will have their session on Baptism. Please remember that the full programme for First Holy Communion may be found on our web site.

See: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/first-holy-communion-preparation.html>

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019

Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm

Introductory meeting for all parents, guardians and candidates in the lower hall, at which the programme will be announced.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This takes place on the weekend of 12th & 13th January 2019. Give generously to this most admirable cause, which stands ready to defend the unborn from the threat of abortion, engaging with and supporting mothers and fathers to be and lobbying members of parliament and local councillors in an effort to avoid adding to the number of the Holy Innocents.