

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Reading Cycle A
Sunday 22nd DECEMBER 2019



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	21st DECEMBER	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Margaret & Gionnie DeSanti +
SUNDAY	22nd DECEMBER		10am	William Mooney, Eileen & Fred Calford + & Ben Foday

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	23rd DECEMBER	4th WEEK OF ADVENT	10am	Brian Williams +
TUESDAY	24th DECEMBER	SOLEMNITY: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST-CHRISTMAS VIGIL	7pm	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	25th DECEMBER	SOLEMNITY: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST- CHRISTMAS DAY	10am	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	26th DECEMBER	FEAST: ST. STEPHEN, First Martyr	10am	Maldwyn and Helen Evans +
FRIDAY	27th DECEMBER	FEAST: ST. JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist	10am	Fr. Jack Fahy +

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	28th DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	6.30pm	Philip Hall
SUNDAY	29th DECEMBER		10am	Olwen, Albert & Eddie Hall +

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	30th DECEMBER	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	10am	People of the Parish
TUESDAY	31st DECEMBER	ST. SYLVESTER 1, Pope	10am	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	1st JANUARY	SOLEMNITY: THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	10am	
THURSDAY	2nd JANUARY	STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	10am	
FRIDAY	3rd JANUARY	WEEKDAY BEFORE THE EPIPHANY	10am	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week and that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray for Eileen and Fred Calford, Edna and Elizabeth Hurley, Kevin John McCarthy and John 'Bena' Donovan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

They say "All Roads lead to Rome" but for us friends and family "All Roads lead to Bethlehem" As we Journey Towards the Stable the "House of Welcome" we find a place of refuge, of welcome and of security, It's Home. As I take stock of the past year, I find I have taken many a wrong road, a road that has taken me away from the "Straight Highway of the Lord" I must ask not only the forgiveness of Him but of you my fellow pilgrim, my fellow companions. There have been times when I've not been the most genial travelling companion but that part of the Journey is in the past. What is of importance is that is that we encounter the Great Gift of the Holy Family full of understanding and sensitivity and share it with each other. I'm proud to be a fellow traveller and with God's help will Journey with you into the New Year. Let St. Patrick's be a Parish alive with the word of the Angels

"Glory to God & Peace to People of Good will" God is with us, let us rejoice, Emmanuel... Your Friend and Priest, Michael Patrick

THANK YOU Like any organisation every parish has its volunteers, the "Back room Workers" You might not see them but they are unsung heroes. Week in week out carrying on where others "fear to tread" I'm afraid to start naming them in fear of leaving any one out. This Parish cannot function without you. There are some of you who are capable of helping out, but afraid to volunteer, please come forward as "many hands make light work!" And to those who have, a sincere Thank-You.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS May I thank you in anticipation for your Christmas Offerings, you've always been generous and I know it will be the same this Christmas. I just hope Santa will stop here as I've had the chimney swept, bought mince pies and milk for him and carrots for Rudolph. Ho! Ho!

CONFESSION There will be Confession after the Saturday evening Mass (December 21st) as there is so little time before due the rush. Monday morning 10.30am – 11am, Monday evening 6pm – 6.30pm

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE This was a joyous occasion with carols old and new. The children in Year 3 created a lovely tableau and the older children read the lessons. Well done to the children and the teachers. Not to be missed next year.

READER'S LIST An up to date Reader's List is now available from the Sacristy.

PIETY STALL From Sunday 22nd December ALL Christmas stock and cards will be reduced.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB SITE: Find out about the last Sunday in Advent.

READERS

CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER	1st READING & 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	K. Lewis, S. Udry & P. Stenson K. Johnson, M. Johnson & P. Barrie P. Stenson & S. Udry
SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER	1st READING 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	E. Deane S. Das C. Pinto

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA Friday 27th December ~ A. O'Brien, P. Taylor & J. Robinson
 Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround ~ B. Seignott Brass Cleaning ~ P. McCarthy
 Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath or Advent crown is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar. The wreath contains five candles, one lit each Sunday during Advent and an additional candle, Christ Candle, lit on the first Mass of Christmas.

4th CANDLE ~ (Purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE ~ (White) "CHRIST CANDLE" (Lit on Christmas Eve)

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for His death; His death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede.

Amen



May the Blessings of Christmas be with you all.