MASS TIMES MASS INTENTION

Sat 23rd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

(MHR) 6.30pm: People Of The Parish

Sun 24th December

(StD) 9am: People of The Parish (MHR) 11am: People of The Parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (B)

(MHR) 5.00pm: People of The Parish (MHR) 10.00pm People of The Parish

Mon 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (B)

(STD) 9.00am: People of The Parish (MHR) 11am: People of The Parish

Tues 26th December ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR (B)

(StD) 10.00am: Claire Monkcom Thanksgiving - Rayner Family

Wed 27th December ST JOHN, AP, EV

(MHR) 10.00 am: Luca RIP

Thurs 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Mm (B)

(StD) 10.00am: Cabrina Kiely RIP

Fri 29th December ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Bp, M (B)

(MHR) 10.00am: Mary Lukose Vadakara RIP-Lima Rose Lukose Vadakara

Sat 30th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

(MHR) 6.30pm: Val Kelleher - Bert & Brenda

Sun 31st December

(StD) 9am: Luca RIP - Sheila Delander

(MHR) 11am: People of The Parish

Morning Prayer: Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri after Morning Mass Rosary (MHR) & Tues and Thurs after Morning Mass (StD) Confession: at MHR (by request)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND HOUSEBOUND

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Sean Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson,, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKearney, Tina Perotti, Brenda White, Ann Carr, Janet O'Brien, Jacqueline Pears and Steve Stripe, Paul Singleton, Mary Boyle, Tom Green, Val Kelleher, Nicky Burgess, Eve Lawrence, Sue Edwards, Stephanie Bedding, Ken Page, Patrick Murray.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Mrs Elizabeth McCartney, Allan Norman Grant. Patrick Jennings, Fr. Wilfred Thompson, David Honey, Joseph Slater, Douglas Hurley, Peter Tracey, Fr. Francis Greenan, Ronald & Margaret Hastell, Rose McCarthy, Katherine Terrington, Dennis Heap, Francis Delahunt, Fr. Francis Wilson, Peter Farrelly, Jean Ward, Joanne Dorman, John O'Neill, Joseph Thomas Whelan, Joseph John Mahoney, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mrs Nora Walsh, James Page, Con Crowley, Charles Stanley Jennings, Thomas Sharpe, Anne Marie Stevenson, Kath Walshe, William Dean, Eileen Annie McQueen, Thomas Graham, Canon John Byrne, Robert Piggin, Hanah O'Riordan, Julia Denton-Cox. Mary McGrath Rutland.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

24th December 2023

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



"As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Birthday - may Peace and Joy and Love be yours at Christmas and every day throughout the New Year 2024. Merry Christmas!" - Fr Joseph

'May God Bless all the Expectant Mothers of our Parish'



"I love Christmas. It is a time I recall my family Christmases. I think of my parents and the way they showed love to us all. Try to give good memories to your loved ones and family this Christmas. It is good to do all the preparations and shopping trips, but it is more important to have time for each other. It is lovely to gather in the Church to celebrate together the Birth of Jesus Christ, sent to us by our loving Father to redeem us. We are precious in the eyes of God, we are loved by the Divine Child who guides us through life to Heaven. Let us renew our trust in God. It is wonderful to be a Christian.

"Let me take this opportunity as Christmas draws nearer and we are preparing to celebrate the Lord's Birthday of wishing that Peace and Joy be yours at Christmas and every day throughout the New Year 2024."

From: Fr Joseph

<u>WELCOME</u> - A warm welcome to those who have come home to the parish for Christmas, especially young people from university, college and other places of work. We also welcome new visitors - whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church we're happy to have you here! If you are travelling to see family and friends have a safe journey.

<u>CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS</u>—Twice a year at Christmas and Easter time the Offertory collection is your personal gift to Fr. Joseph. The donation given forms a major part of his remuneration for the year.

CRIB COLLECTIONS - In each of our Parish Churches at Christmas, a crib scene depicting the Nativity helps us to focus on the Incarnation of Christ and His love for the whole of humanity. Traditionally, a collection in aid of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has been associated with these crib scenes. The collection will be donated to support for our diocesan children's charity. Thank you for your support.

<u>ST DOMINIC'S PRAYER GROUP</u> On Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at St. Dominic's Parish Hall. Sr. Imelda will lead the prayer sessions. Please bring along your bible. Every one is welcome to join us for prayer and praise.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - there will be a meeting for PARENT'S ONLY on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7pm Most Holy Redeemer Church in St. Anthony's hall. Please bring a passport size photo of your child, a copy of their Baptism Certificate (IF NOT ALREADY HANDED IN) and the registration Fee of £25. If you have any financial difficulty please do not hesitate to let Paula know after the meeting.

RECENT DEATH— Sarah Ann Fernandes RIP, aged 73yrs of Athelstan Road sadly passed away on Sunday 10th Dec 23. The reception of the body into St Dominic's Tuesday 2nd **Jan at 4.30pm** and Funeral Mass on Wednesday 3rd Jan at 11am followed by burial at Upminister Cementery 12.30 pm. Canon Fernandes her nephew will official the funeral. **May she rest in peace**.

HELP AND ADVICE FROM HAVERING - Havering recognises that as the cost of living continues to rise across the country, our residents are going to be feeling the pinch this winter. The Council's new cost of living online hub brings together all of the support available to residents – from financial help with food and energy bills to free school holiday meals and mental health. The website contains links to the Havering Helps assistance scheme, details of warm spaces, council tax support, debt management services, energy grants, food banks and community hubs, as well as online benefits calculators so residents can be sure they're receiving all the support they are entitled to.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL -The SVP are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. Could this be you? The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk. You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE- Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Saturday 6th January 2024 A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

RETROUVAILLE - A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re -awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 20th December 2023 Bonus Ball No: 16 'George' £25 Congratulations to winners and thank you for supporting your Parishes.