

*Services in the Church and Mass Intentions*

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	8.30am 9.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	<b>Confessions</b> Vera Reidy (RIP) <b>Confessions</b> John Moore (Anniv.)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT(A)</i> <i>(Expectant Mothers)</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Johnnie Earle (RIP) Brother Cillian Martin Keaney (RIP)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00am	1. Mrs Fulcheo (RIP) 2. Vera Reidy (RIP)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>	9.00am 9.30am 6.00pm 11.30pm 12.00am	Josie Meehan (sick, Spec.Int.) <b>Devotion of Our Lady of La Salette</b> Christmas Masses Intentions <b>Carol Service</b> 1. Christmas Masses Intentions 2. People of the Parish
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <i>ST STEPHEN</i>	10.00am	1. Altar Servers (Special Intentions) 2. Marjorie & Tracy Flynn (Spec.Int.)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <i>ST JOHN</i>	9.00am	1. Prasad Baby (RIP) 2. David Asser (Anniv.)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December <i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i>	8.30am 9.00am  5.30pm 6.00pm	<b>Confessions</b> Elizabeth Costello (Christmas B'day Mass) <b>Confessions</b> Patrick Lingane (Anniv.)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Manoj Thomas (Thanksgiving) Jeremiah Morrissey (Anniv.)

**Office Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs between 10-11am again between**

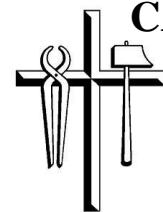
**5.30-6.30pm** \*\*\*Admin office hours are Thurs and Fri from 9-2pm

*Assistance can be provided on request to persons with disabilities during Mass.*

**\*\*Parish Office will closed between Christmas and New Year. We re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020\*\***

*Parish Diary:*

<b>*****Check Christmas Mass/Service Dates inside News sheet *****</b>		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm	RCIA Session- Presbytery
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10-11.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Sessions
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am MASS	& Confirmation Session- Youth Hall/Re Rm



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**Masses:** Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

**Confessions:** Saturday 8.30-9.00am, 5.30-6.00pm or by appointment

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

**FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (A)**

*Pg.33 R Psalm: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. Alleluia!*



God rewarded Joseph not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called him to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work. **"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life."**

**Please pray for our Sick:** Becky Yeboah, Ann Sterling, Christina Carter, Mary Jackman, Baby Edward, Frances Duggan, Martha Buckley, Christopher Bone, Michael Moffat, Henry Moffat, J. Radford, Danielle Lai, L. Stuchfield, Sean Murphy, Terry Bone, Marie Merrett, Myra Jarrett, Terry Hooker, Martina Murray, Sean Connors, Deborah Woldron Baby Valentina Vizcaino, Patrick Joyce, Jim Hayes, Valerie Brown, Theresa Brennon, Pat Lehane, Adrian Michael Harwood Smart, Liz Costello, Bride Conroy, Fred Morrison, Iris Murlock, Keeley Jones

**Mass Intentions.** If you would like to have Holy Mass offered for your intentions, please supply the name of the person, or persons, for whom the Mass is to be offered and whether for the repose of their soul, if they are deceased, or for their well-being. Please write these details on the envelope provided in the porch or Repository and hand it to the priest or person in Repository. If you want mass to be said on a particular date, please leave a contact number in case we need to confirm details or change the mass date. Thank you.

Last Sunday	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Main Collection	605.86	461.90	1067.76
Christmas Flowers	107.00	54.51	161.51
Standing Orders	£70 (average)		

**Thank you very much for your offerings.**

This Week second collection will be for Building Fund.

**Crib Donations** (Christmas – Epiphany) goes to Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society. Donation basket by the Crib on altar.

**Christmas Collection** - Only one collection is taken on Christmas. As is customary, the collection at Christmas Masses is our personal gift to the clergy. Gift Aid – Please remember to use your Christmas Envelopes.

**Advent Week Four: Love** In this last week before Christmas, we focus on God’s love as we prepare for the Good News. We focus on the love and faithfulness of Joseph to both God and Mary, for even though Jesus was God’s child, Joseph listened to God and cared for Him as his own. With your support, BCCS will continue to love, help and support those children who need our specialist care. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you would like more information, please contact Sarah D’Lima - [sdlima@bccs.or.uk](mailto:sdlima@bccs.or.uk) or 01268 947061.

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**Thank you** to all parishioners and visitors who had supported the Christmas Brunch last Wednesday, we had raised £153.67. This will go into our Parish Social Fund in bringing St Peter’s parish community and friends together with group events and trips.



**Prayer for lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle- LOVE**

*“Almighty God, your promise of salvation fills us with joy and hope. We long for its fulfilment in our own time. Hear the cries of your people and let your justice be evident in our world, that we and all people may have ever new reasons to rejoice in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”*

**Advent Reconciliation Services**

**Holy Family Parish** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm

**Christmas Services at Peter’s Dagenham**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass *with* Children’s Nativity Play

**11.30pm** - Carol Service

**Midnight** - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day** at 9.00am and 11.00am Christmas Mass

**St Stephen’s Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10.00am – St Stephen’s Altar Server Mass *with* Presentation of Medals

**New Year’s Eve Mass** at 10.30pm – African Catholic Association

**Guild of St Stephen** Altar Servers who started serving last year and have been serving on a regular basis, please see Dennis or Paul after any of the Masses. The mass on St Stephen’s Day will start at 10.00am. Altar servers receiving medals should be there by 9.30am. Please remember St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. It would be nice if Parents & Altar Servers could attend.

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**Lighting Church Candles** Children should **never** be unaccompanied in the area of the votive candles on the side of the altar. **Parents must be with their children in this area at all times for their own safety.** This is a Health & Safety issue and must be followed at all times. Thank you.

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**Baptisms at St Peter’s Church** Please see one of the Priests during office hours.

**School Forms** will need the priest’s signature confirming that the children are practising Catholics. To obtain one, they need to come to Church regularly and present the Baptism Certificate (and First Communion Certificate if applying for secondary school).

**Sacrament of Matrimony / Convalidation of Marriage** At least six months’ notice of the date on which you hope to marry, must be given to the priest of the parish. Please contact Fr Edward for more details.