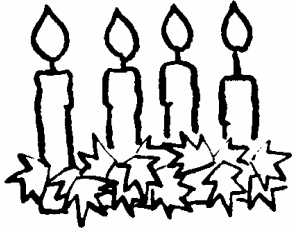


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
20th December 2009



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ADVENT

During this time of the year, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND ... HELP IS REQUIRED!

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP: Help is needed with the preparation of our Christmas celebrations. There will be a Session on **Monday 21st December at 11.00am**. Children and adults are needed in St. Joseph's Hall to decorate wreaths ready for our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Help is needed to clean, prepare and decorate the Church from 10.30am also at 4.00pm to light candles (ladder-climbers needed please Gents!). Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with either or both of the above. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.



"Yes, I can recommend a good one-star hotel."

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. This will be celebrated in the Church. If any young person wishes to take a more active role in this celebration, please add your name and age to the list in the Sacristy. There will be a practice on Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need volunteers to read and assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The lists are available in the Sacristy. Please sign up!

The New Eucharistic minister's rota for Sundays can be collected from the sacristy.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

The Parish Christmas Card, with the time of all the Services during Christmas and the New Year, are now available at the Church Entrances.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be Mass in the Church at 10.30pm on New Year's Eve.

We need to know if people want a Parish Party to "see in" the New Year, which would enable families with younger children to celebrate together. For the past few years it has taken place in Eleanor Hall. The Hall was open in the evening, and people were free to come at whatever time suited. They brought some music, something to eat, something to drink, and the kettle was on the boil! The Hall can stay open on New Years Eve Night until about 1.00am.

What do people want?

ST PAULS' SUNDAY MISSAL

St Paul's 2010 Sunday Missal is now on sale in the shop, priced £4.50. Please note that the Missals are free to those who are on Readers' Rota.

FAIR TRADE STALL

The Fair Trade Stall will be open this weekend after all Masses; this will enable you all to do your Fair Trade Christmas shopping!

PENANCE SERVICE

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday 22nd December at 8.00pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Micah 5:1-4 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28
Psalm 79 Psalm 83
Hebrews 10:5-10 John 3:1-2.21-24
Luke 1:39-45 Luke 2:41-52
Mass Times

| SUNDAY | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm |
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| Monday | | 10.00am |
| Tuesday | | 10.00am |
| Wednesday | | 10.00am |
| Thursday | | <i>See the Card!</i> |
| Friday | NATIVITY OF THE LORD | <i>See the Card!</i> |
| Saturday | Stephen | 10.00am 6.30pm |
| SUNDAY | HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH | 8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1,709.50
November Standing Orders: £1,624.00 Thank You!

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

A wide selection is on sale now in the Church shop.

CHURCH MASS DIARY

The Diary for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is full until the end of the year. Mass Intentions are being sent to be celebrated by the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The 2010 Mass Diary will be started at a later date.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book 2010 is now available from the shop priced at £4.

FRONTLINE HOMELESS

The dinner, dance event at the Irish Centre in Haringey raised £1,276 towards the helping of homeless people. A big thank you for your support.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Carol Concert on Saturday 5th December.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing classes restart on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall. Thank you all for your support in raising to date £595 in only ten weeks, towards the new hall building costs.

ST JOSEPHS FITNESS CLUB

Could this be your chance to lose the extra pounds gained over Christmas!! Anybody interested in joining please ring Stewart 01992 634445 or email stewartbrodiesykes@yahoo.co.uk. Times and dates have still to be arranged.

BROXBOURNE STREET PASTORS

A team of Broxbourne Street Pastors will be walking the streets of Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Waltham Cross on Thursday 31st December.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th December at 10.45 - Jake Lehane
Monday 21st December at 10.00am – Albert Cox

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Salvatore Savatteri will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd December at 1.45.

100+ CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

£35.00: No.114 Mary Thomas
£25.00: No. 37 John Ball
£15: No.102 Jocelyn Blackman

The Christmas Jackpot Draw will take place on Sunday 20th December. Application Forms for 2010 are available at the Church entrances. Subscription unchanged at £12 per number. The first draw will be on Sunday 31st January 2010.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank You to all those who supported the Christmas Raffle, the profit was £1,200. The Prize Lists are on the Notice Boards, and the Prizes are available from the Parish Office.

The Christmas Posters are available at the Church Entrances. Please take one home and display the true message of Christmas to your neighbours.