

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 191221

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Year C

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday 9.30-12 noon

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Response: Psalm Isaiah 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews.

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

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

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

PARISHES' MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS, LS = Live Stream

Saturday 18th	5pm SH	Michael O'Donnell RIP (T.Dark)	LS
Sunday 19th	9.30am SH	Expectant Mothers and Fathers	
Sunday 19th	11 am EM	People of the Parishes	LS
Monday 20th	10am SH	Beatrice Tindon RIP	LS
Tuesday 21st	10am SH	Griffin and Osman Family Deceased	
Wednesday 22nd	7pm SH	Ted and Trudie White RIP	LS
Thursday 23rd	11am EM	Sick and Housbound	
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	5pm EM	People of the Parish	, 8pm SH John Burke RIP
Saturday 25 th Christmas Day	9.30am SH	Clare Harford	, 11am EM Special Intention LS
Sunday 26 th -Holy Family	9.30am SH, People of the Parishes	, 11am at EM	All Families LS

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

Christmas Eve 24th December: English Martyrs 5pm, Sacred Heart 8pm

Christmas Day 25th December: Sacred Heart 9.30am, English Martyrs 11am

**Sunday 26th December: Holy Family Feast: Sacred Heart 9.30 am,
English Martyrs 11 am.**

Midnight Mass from St Chads will be televised live on BBC One at 11.45pm.

Christmas Masses- Traditional Collection for the Parish Clergy.

Confessions for Christmas : Sunday after Mass at EM .Or before or after weekday Masses.
Or arrange time with Fr Gerry.

LATEST GUIDELINES FROM THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE RE COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That you must wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
Please keep mask on for singing.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

PEACE

‘Blessed is she who believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled’ Luke 1:45

Faithful God, you always keep your promises. Strengthen our trust, as we long for your kingdom of justice and peace. Make us people of hope, sharing with the world the love and joy we have found in you. Amen. (Cafod Advent Calendar).

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH CRIB. We have been able to purchase some fine new crib figures for use in Church. There will be a **Second Collection** for this today at EM and we hope you will give generously. We are happy to receive cheques made out to English Martyrs Parish. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS –DON’T KNOW WHAT TO GET. Why not try CAFOD WORLD GIFTS.
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