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**15 DECEMBER 2019 ~ THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.  
Indeed the Lord is near."**

**Times of Mass This Week**

<b>14 Dec. Saturday</b>	+ Catherine Greaves (FMA)
<b>15 Dec. Sunday</b>	+ Mary McGibbons (FMA)
<b>15 Dec. Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners
<b>16 Dec. Monday</b>	+ Hilda Costello (FMA)
<b>17 Dec. Tuesday</b>	+ Geoff Brown, req. Ita Bligh
<b>18 Dec. Wednesday</b>	+ Pamela Edith Murray (FMA)
<b>19 Dec. Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>20 Dec. Friday</b>	+ Iris Evans (FMA)
<b>21 Dec. Saturday</b>	+ Charles Chadwick
<b>21 Dec. Saturday</b>	For the Parishioners
<b>22 Dec. Sunday</b>	+ Mary Brennan (FMA)
<b>22 Dec. Sunday</b>	Anna & John Freeman, req. Elizabeth

<b>6:00 PM THIRD "GAUDETE" SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 AM THIRD "GAUDETE" SUNDAY</b>
<b>10:45 AM THIRD "GAUDETE" SUNDAY</b>
<b>9:00 AM St. Faustinus, African Martyr</b>
<b>9:00 AM Tuesday in Greater Advent</b>
<b>9:00 AM Wednesday in Greater Advent</b>
<b>XXXXX Thursday in Greater Advent</b>
<b>6:00 PM Friday in Greater Advent</b>
<b>9:00 AM Saturday in Great Advent</b>
<b>6:00 PM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>8:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>10:45 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>

Collection for 8 December: £401.99    THANK YOU!

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:** John Lovell (David's & Mags' brother-in-law, seriously ill), John Freeman (now in 7 Oaks), husband of Anne, Bob Bligh, John Kilroy (now at home), Edward Wroe (Angela Tyson's brother), Marcella Duckworth, Veronica Pragnell, Ann Hamilton, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter, now in Hastings), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner (now in Bexhill), Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, Christopher Wilberforce, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel, Kennedy (Fr. Matt's friend, infant w/brain tumor, and Mass intentions this week).

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY:** Ernest LaRue, (father of Michel LaRue, 7/12/1988) members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and Mass intentions this week.

**GROWING SPIRITUALLY DURING ADVENT:**

1. **Read one of the Gospels.**
2. **Read the prophet, Isaiah**
3. **Attend one of our Monday night Scripture discussions**

4. **Each day, say one prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for someone who has left the Catholic Faith.**
5. **Read about a saint.**
6. **Attend a weekday Mass, perhaps Friday with Adoration and Benediction.**

## ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS FAIR

**The Christmas Fair held on Saturday, 14 December 2019 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Centre on Lion St. was a great success due to the planning and hard work of many people.**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED, WHO DONATED ITEMS,  
AND WHO BOUGHT ITEMS!!**

Scripture Discussion will meet Monday, 16 December 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club on Market Rd.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24 "This is how Jesus Christ came to be born." ALL ARE WELCOME. Come one week to celebrate Advent!

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAY AT LEAST ONE PRAYER DAILY FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR PARISH CONSECRATION!**

***Even though the consecration prayer has been said, we need to continue our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary for the fruits of this act.***

Individual consecrations after Fr. Jobe will come to tell us about the Militia Immaculatae (MI) sometime after the beginning of new year. People will understand the individual consecration better after Fr. Jobe's explanation. Then we can decide whether to do the individual consecrations at Mass, as a group or in a separate ceremony.

**Next Parish Meeting: Monday, 20 January 2020 at 2:30 PM in the Friary. ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT OUR PARISH!**

## **Wisdom from our new Saint, John Henry Cardinal Newman**

We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.

## CAEOD UPDATES

A huge (and very belated) THANK YOU to everyone for their very generous response to the CAFOD Harvest Appeal. St. Anthony's donate a huge £256.60. Thank you all!

Secondly, the CAFOD stall at the recent Christmas Fayre held at St. Mary's Church raised £155.21. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped support the event and visited the stall and supported this CAFOD Fundraising event! Valerie Wright

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). [NB: I may be going on this trip.]

## Looking ahead – Our Christmas Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, 24 December – Christmas Eve**      **VIGIL MASS AT 6:00 PM**

**Tuesday, 24 December – Christmas Eve**      **MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 AM**

**Wednesday, 25 December – Christmas Day MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10:00 AM.**



*We note with sadness the death of Geoff Brown, a long-time parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua. May Geoff rest in peace and may his Family be consoled by the knowledge that the Babe of Bethlehem brings us the hope of resurrection, reunion and eternal life!*

Tuesday, 17 December

*O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:  
Come to teach us the path of knowledge.*

Wednesday, 18 December

*O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, Who showed Yourself to Moses in the burning bush, Who gave him the holy Law on Sinai mountain: come stretch out Your mighty hand to set us free.*

Thursday, 19 December

*O Flower of Jesse's stem, You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in Your presence; the nations bow down in worship before You. Come, let nothing keep You from coming to our aid.*

Friday, 20 December

*O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at Your will the Gate of Heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead Your captive people into freedom.*

Saturday, 21 December

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Sunday, 22 December

*O King of all the nations, the only Joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.*

Monday, 23 December

*O Emmanuel, King and Lawgiver, Desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God*

**From a discourse on the Psalms by Saint Augustine, bishop.** God, Who is faithful, put Himself in our debt, not by receiving anything but by promising so much. A promise was not sufficient for Him; He chose to commit Himself in writing as well, as it were making a contract of His promises. He wanted us to be able to see the way in which His promises were redeemed when He began to discharge them. And so, the time of the prophets was, as we have often said, the foretelling of the promises.

He promised eternal salvation, everlasting salvation, everlasting happiness with the angels, an immortal inheritance, endless glory, the joyful vision of His Face, His holy dwelling in Heaven, and after resurrection from the dead no further fear of dying. This is as it were His final promise, the goal of all our striving. When we reach it, we shall ask for nothing more. But as to the way in which we are to arrive at our final goal, He has revealed this also, by promise and prophecy.

He has promised men divinity, mortals, immortality, sinners, justification, the poor a rising to glory.

But, brethren, because God's promises seemed impossible to men --- equality with the angels in exchange for mortality, corruption, poverty, weakness, dust and ashes --- God not only made a written contract with men, to win their belief but also established a Mediator of His good faith, not a prince or angel or archangel, but His only Son, to show us and give us the way He would lead us to the goal He has promised.

It was not enough for God to make His Son our guide to the way; He made Him the way itself, that you might travel with Him as leader and by Him as the way.

Therefore, the only Son of God was to come among men, to take the nature of men, and in this nature to be born as a man. He was to die, to rise again, to ascend into Heaven, to sit at the right hand of the Father, and to fulfill His promises among the nations, and after that to come again, to exact now what He had asked for before, to separate those deserving His anger from those deserving His mercy, to execute His threats against the wicked, and to reward the just as He had promised.

All this had therefore to be prophesied, foretold, and impressed on us as an event in the future, in order that we might wait for it in faith, not find it a sudden and dreadful mystery.

*Mary, Mother of the Promise, God's only Son, pray for those who will come to Mass on Christmas!*