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22 DECEMBER 2019 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"... she has conceived What is in her by the Holy Spirit."

Times of Mass This Week

21 Dec. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22 Dec. Sunday	+ Mary Brennan (FMA)	8:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22 Dec. Sunday	Anna & John Freeman, req. Elizabeth	10:45 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
23 Dec. Monday	+ Anna Chadwick	9:00 AM Monday of the Greater Advent
24 Dec. Tuesday	Ray Bell, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM Tuesday of the Greater Advent

**Solemnity of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary,
 Redeemer of the Human Race**

24 Dec. Christmas Eve	6:00 PM	+ Geoff Brown
24 Dec. Christmas Eve	11:30 PM	Christmas Carols
25 Dec. Christmas Day	12 Midnight	For the Parishioners

10:00 AM

Kevin Miller, req. Sheila Miller

26 Dec. Thursday	For Catholics persecuted for the Faith	9:00 AM St. Stephen, First Martyr
27 Dec. Friday	+ Jan P. & Dorothy Van Heuven, Req. Dolores Don	9:00 AM St. John, Apostle & Evangelist {PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.}
28 Dec. Saturday	+ Mothers & Babies who have died by abortion	9:00 AM The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
28 Dec. Saturday	For Broken Families	6:00 PM FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
29 Dec. Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
29 Dec. Sunday	For the lonely & the homeless	10:45 AM FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Collection for 15 December: £307.40 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 home), 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Geoff Brown, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and Mass intentions this week.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

1. Read one of the Gospels.
 2. Read the prophet, Isaiah
 3. Attend one of our Monday night Scripture discussions. (We won't meet until January.)

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, especially the Parish Meeting Group.

WE REALIZED A PROFIT OF £1,183.51 !!

This is almost the equivalent of 3-4 Sunday collections.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED, WHO DONATED ITEMS,
AND WHO BOUGHT ITEMS,
AND RAFFLE TICKETS! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!**



SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER OR MONDAY 30 DECEMBER 2019.

**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.

I saw the Mother of God, unspeakably beautiful. She said to me, "My daughter, what I demand from you is ***prayer, prayer, and once again prayer***, for the world and especially for your country" (St. Faustina, Diary 325).

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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT OUR PARISH!

Wisdom from our new Saint, John Henry Cardinal Newman

Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it; truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it.

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Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick.
16th 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. [NB: I may be going on this trip.]



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!

O Mary, my Mother A prayer by St. Maria Faustina

Mary, my Mother and my Lady,
I offer You my soul, my body,
my life and my death,
and all that will follow it.
I place everything in Your hands.

O my Mother,
cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and
grant me the grace of purity of heart,
soul and body.

Defend me with Your power against all
enemies, and especially against those who
hide their malice behind the mask of virtue.

O lovely lily!
You are for me a mirror,
O my Mother! (Diary 79)

LITANY OF THE LOVE OF GOD BY POPE ST. PIUS VI

Lord have mercy on us. **Christ have mercy on us.**
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**
God the Holy Ghost, **have mercy on us.**
Holy Trinity, One God, **have mercy on us.**
You Who are Infinite Love, **I love You, O my God.**
You Who did first love me, **I love You, O my God.**
You Who did command me to love You,
With all my heart,
With all my soul,
With all my mind,
With all my strength,
Above all possessions and honor,
Above all pleasures and enjoyments,
More than myself and all that belongs to me,
More than all my relatives and friends,
More than all men and angels,
Above all created things in Heaven or on earth,
Only for Yourself,
Because You are the sovereign Good,
Because You are infinitely worthy of being loved,
Because You are infinitely perfect,
Even had You not promised me Heaven,

Even had You not menaced me with Hell,
Even should You try me by want and misfortune,
In wealth and in poverty,
In prosperity and in adversity,
In health and in sickness,
In life and in death,
In time and in eternity,
In union with the love by which all the Saints and all
the Angels love You in Heaven,
In union with that love by which the Blessed Virgin
Mary loves You,
In union with that infinite love by which
You love Yourself eternally,

Let us pray. My God, Who does possess in
incomprehensible abundance all that is perfect and
worthy of love, annihilate in me all guilty, sensual and
undue love for creatures; kindle in my heart the pure
flame of Your love, so that I may love nothing but You
or in You, until, being entirely consumed by holy love
of You, I may go to love You eternally with the elect
in Heaven, the country of pure love. Amen.

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*Mary, Mother of Incarnate Love, gain for us
the grace of humility!*