



## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Madeline and Peter East who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special marriage blessing here at the 6pm Mass this weekend.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:** Our annual Advent Reflection Evening will take place **today** Sunday, 15th December beginning at 7pm & will last about 45 minutes. It will conclude with 'Seasonal refreshments' in the atrium. All are, of course, welcome.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:** This is the final weekend that the J and P group are selling tickets for their Christmas raffle. All you need for this very special feast day.....except the turkey.....is in the hamper, and all proceeds will go to help the homeless in our city and the refugees around Dunkirk; two groups which suffer great hardship at this time of the year. Tickets at £1 a strip are on sale after all the masses.

**ST PIUS X SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** takes place this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm here at the Blessed Sacrament Church. All welcome.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Meeting Saturday 21st December at 11.00am to discuss Christmas Services. ALL servers MUST attend. John Donachie 442116

**A GENTLE REMINDER** to use your Co -Op Community Card at the Co -Op convenience stores as well as the Quadrant main store in the city centre. You should always be able to utilise the card at the convenience stores via the self service payment facilities as well as being served by a member of staff. Please remember when looking to purchase merchandise the Quadrant sells beds, men's/women's wear, furniture and houseware amongst other things. Every purchase means points which translates to funds for the parish without any cost to you! If you would like a card please contact me on the following number which has a message facility." Many thanks. Mark Akhurst 01245 350710.

**ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL** invite you to The Twelve Days of Christmas – The Meaning. Please come and join the school community for our Advent Service; the students will lead the service of prayer, hymns and reflection in preparation for the coming of Christ. The service takes place in Aquinas Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**REPOSITORY** Christmas Cards and a variety of seasonal goods are now be on sale in the Repository after Masses each Sunday.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT LITTLE 2 TO BIG VOICES:** Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special concert on Saturday 28th December at 2pm in the church. The concert is free but any donations received will be forwarded to The Daughters of the Resurrection DR Congo.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2019:** The new Diocesan Directories are now available in the Repository at £2.80 each (ring bound £4.00).

**NEWSLETTER:** Next week's newsletter will cover two weekends (22nd December to 5th January). If you have any notices for this period please hand them into the parish office by Wednesday.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:** Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 15th (changed from 22nd) January, and Wednesday 29th January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Copies of the recently published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on www.whatgoodnews.org.

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND,** led by Bishop Alan Williams. 25th May 2020. £649.00 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. Single supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**FOODBANK:** Person responsible for December— Agnes Smith

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Organiser for December is Liz Allen 07791 860113

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes	£277.34	
Loose Plate	£383.87	
Bankers Order:	£291.52	Thank you for your generosity
Total	£892.73	

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT— “GAUDETE SUNDAY”

#### Saturday 14th December 2019

6.00pm Mass Madeline & Peter East Golden Wedding Anniversary

#### Sunday 15th December 2019

9.30am Mass Declan Doheny RIP (A. Smith)  
 11.30am Mass People of the Parish

#### Monday 16th December 2019

No Mass

#### Tuesday 17th December 2019

6.30pm Mass Joseph Collins (Smyth Family)  
 Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday 18th December 2019

9.15am Mass Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

#### Thursday 19th December 2019

9.15am End of Term Mass at St Pius School

#### Friday 20th December 2019

9.15am Mass Peggy Randles' Intentions (A. Pleasant)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Saturday 21st December 2019

6.00pm Mass Vera McChesney RIP (E.Bullock)

#### Sunday 22nd December 2019

9.30am Mass People of the Parish  
 11.30am Mass Denis & Terry Lloyd RIP & Deceased Members of Lloyd & Fitzpatrick Families (Lloyd Family)

**Anniversaries - We pray for James Creedon, Elizabeth Kendle, Gina Franklin, Samuel Wright, Panfil Wakulieg, Gerard Tadeusz Lapinski, Bernard Donald Kelly, Georgina Rosetta Phillips, Dale Smith, Margaret Heaton, Lydia Pleasant, Lillian Emily Dixon, Joan Hoines, Patricia Vickery, Christine Peagram, Anna Mary Gaffney, Delia Lawlor Kathleen Luton., Fr William Guinevan, Fr Arthur Cowd. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.**

<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.00pm	Saturday or see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday
<b>HOLY ROSARY</b>	5.30pm	Saturday
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday & Saturday Sundays
<b>EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY</b>	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
<b>MUSTARD SEED GROUP</b>	7.30pm	Prayer group - First Sunday of every month
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

6pm – Family Mass – First Mass of Christmas  
 10pm – Bethlehem Midnight Mass

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

10am - Mass of the Day

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - St Stephen's Day

10am—Mass

