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Today We Celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent Cycle A: 204 or 40 (new), 122 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

The celebrations of Mass and Mass intentions for the coming week:

Sat 21 st Dec	1.00 pm	Michael Thomas
	6.30 pm	Domenica Wynne: Betty Nordone: Rose O'Hare: Spec Int (Esther Purcell): Ann Dunnion: Tom & Teresa McSharry: Gary Somerville
Sun 22 nd Dec		Fourth Sunday of Advent
	9.30 am	Patty & Turner families: Theresa & Effie Wilson: Theresa Aba Bimpeh Sesua Wilson: Teresa Mulligan
	11.30 am	Danny McMahon: Freda Wilkins-Jones: Spec Int (SrMaureen Gavin): Spec Int (Kennedy & Coombes families): Dec'd Buckley & O'Donnell families: Julia Jounneux
Mon 23 rd Dec	9.00 am	Ints of May & Family: Ints of Rita & family: Thanksgiving (Victoria Alfonso): Mr Mathew (20 th Anniv)
Tues 24 th Dec	9.00 am	Catorina Murphy
	5.30 pm	Giovanni, Guiseppina, Maria Vincenza, Francsco, Nicolina, Domenico, Nina & Carmela: Frank & Mary Leary: John & Edna Dovey: Dec'd Magee Family: Maura Marron: Luke Taylor: Spec Int (Liam Taylor): Mick Mullally: John McGinty: Dec'd Melia Family: Eddie Davis: Kevin King: Mary McSharry & Dec'd McSharry Family: Mandy Smith: Ian Crass
	9.00 pm	Pat & Anne Hastings: Katie O'Connor: Sarah Grant: Patrick Hoban: Brian Archer
Wed 25 th Dec		The Nativity of the Lord
	9.00 am	Gregory & Mary O'Kane: Joan Skidmore: Holy Souls Michael Cullinan: Margaret Hancock: Mary & Frank Sheridan
Thurs 26 th Dec		Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr Renewal of Altar Servers' vows
	10.00 am	Pat & Bridie Daly: Ints of Bridie Mullery
Fri 27 th Dec		Feast of St John, Evangelist
	10.00 am	Ints of Agnes & Family: Ints of Maureen & Family: Ints of Donna, Peter & Family: Ints of John & Family
Sat 28 th Dec		Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
	10.00 am	Vilma & Douglas Duffield: Dennis Duffield
	6.30 pm	James & Angie O'Reilly: John & Jo O'Keefe: Gerry Mullery: Ints of Jackie, Simon & Hannah
Sun 29 th Dec		Feast of the Holy Family
	9.30 am	Spec Int (Sr Carmel Gill): Spec Int (Hastings & Grady Families): Bill & Bridie Cantillon
	11.30 am	Maura McQuaid

Date	Time	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday: 8.30am – 10am Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 9.30-9.50am
21 st Dec	6.30 pm	Cyprian Mendonca, Veeda Mendonca	Terry Breeze, Steve Bruneau, Chris Grimes	
22 nd Dec	9.30am	Bernadette Billane, Denise Casey	Laise Ivens, Tony Wilson, Brid Conmy	
	11.30am	Chris Edge, Linda Edge	Anne Cable-Barnard, Cath McAnenny, Lynda Wells	
28 th Dec	6.30 pm	Nesty Del Rosario, Daniel Horsley	Maureen Steedman, Rose Trill, Katie Pethullis	
29 th Dec	9.30am	Dona Bitaj, Nigel McAuley	Mary Malone, Carmel Murray, Adrienne Philbin	
	11.30am	Joseph Reynolds, Bernadette Norman	Mary Ogilvie, Halina Greener, Lorraine Selby	

Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:

Anne Gillies; Hugh McAteer; Margaret Buckley; Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Liam Connolly Caolan, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Garry Hole, Eric Holt

Please contact Fr Bob if you would like a name on the Sick List or if you would like a visit to your home.

Last Week's Collection: £1245.77 Thank you very much

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

and for the consolation of their families.

Irene Fagan: Requiem Mon 23rd Dec @ 12.30 pm
Margery Barber: Reception: Mon 6th Jan @ 5.30 pm. Requiem: 7th Jan @ 1pm
Liam O'Brien: Requiem: Fri 3rd Jan @ 1.00 pm
Michael Bowes: Requiem: Mon 13th Jan @ 2.15 pm at Cannon Hill Chapel, Canley
Anthony Hanley: Arrangements to follow

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week: 1. Ints of Bridie Mullery
2. Ints of Buckley & O'Donnell families

Next week: 1. Ints of Catherine & Gerry
2. Gerry Mullery

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: 1. May Comerford
2. Pat O'Donnell

Next week: 1. Dec'd Flannigan Family
2. Ints of Buckley & O'Donnell Families

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: 1. Ints of Mary & Jim
2. Ints of Wright family

Next Week: Ints of Mary & Jim

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: 1. Ints of Anne & Larry
2. Tom Dullard

Next Week: 1. Ints of Anne & Larry
2. Anne Brooks

NOTICES AND DATES FOR OUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS MASS / SERVICE TIMES

Monday 23rd Dec

9.00 am Mass

Tuesday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

9.00 am Mass

5.00 pm Carols

5.30 pm Mass

8.30 pm Carols

9.00 pm Mass

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Thursday 26th December - St Stephen's Day

10.00 am Mass

DIARY DATES – Summer 2020

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First Holy Communions – SJF Sat 16th May @ 10.30 am

First Holy Communions –St Greg's Sun 7th June @ 11.30 am

First Holy Communions – SJF Sat 6th Jun @ 10.30 am

CAFOD

This Parish has supported CAFOD over the years, helping to CAFOD to reach out and help our brothers and sisters in need. Please remember to look at the gifts available from the CAFOD catalogue this Christmas and continue our work to help others.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/World-Gifts>

PRINCETHORPE FOUNDATION

New vacancies – www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us

FATHER HUDSON'S FUNDRAISING BALL: 1st Feb 2020

fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call Ginny 01675434015

Admission to Primary Education

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are eligible to start school in September 2020.

Apply online from 1st September 2019.

Closing date for receipt of applications is **15th January 2020**

Contact: Admissions and Benefits Team:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions/ 02476 975445

**We have two very good school in the parish
St John Fisher and St Gregory's.**

THANK YOU:

- for your support of the cake sales.
- For the volunteers who cleared all the leaves around church.

CARDINAL WISEMAN

- **Wiseman Connection** - sign up to register on the official database <https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/alumni/>
- Sponsored 5k run and Half Marathon next April, to raise funds for 6th Form garden. More details to follow

DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

One-day course – 11th January – Don Bosco House in Coleshill – for existing and aspiring school leaders presently working outside the faith sector and who are interested in applying for leadership roles in a Catholic school.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM VACANCY

Safeguarding Advisor – Full Time

Please email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org for details and application form

For informal discussion about the post, call 01212306275

MYTON HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Myton Hospice are currently looking for volunteers on a full, part time or flexible basis. If you would like to make a difference to the community, acquire new skills and build up your social network, please contact Geoffrey Etule, Director of HR, on 01926358374 Ext 226 /email Geoffrey.Etule@mytonhospice.org

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

St Osburg's and All Souls house the homeless for a night each week (Mon and Wed). They require items such as coffee, long life fruit juices, biscuits, cup-a-soups, hygiene items, new socks, hats, gloves, sugar etc. Cash is always welcome!

COVENTRY CYRENIANS – CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Cyrenians will be hosting their annual Christmas Day dinner for the homeless, lonely or vulnerable. You can help by donating: Chocolate bars (no nuts), warm clothing, toiletries, donations of money for the meal (Search for Coventry Cyrenians at justgiving.com). See poster at back of church. Thank you.

**USED STAMPS FOR MYTON HOSPICE + ITEMS FOR
FOODBANK : THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Please give stamps to Fr Bob and leave items for the Foodbank in the porch.

LIGHT REFLECTION: One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that **One Solitary Life.**

Blessed are we, this time of the year,

Songs, lights, gifts, joy and cheer,

But remember how the story began,

Years ago, the chosen woman and man,

Gifted a child who would change the world,

He lay in his crib, fingers and toes curled.

So this Christmas, let us be thankful and pray

And remember Lord Jesus on His special day.

(Prayer written by Poppy Taylor, St John Fisher School)

God Bless!