

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent • Year C

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1st Reading Micah 5: 1-4

2nd Reading Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel Luke 1: 39-45



MARY, MOTHER OF THE LORD

Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her she is quick to obey, and in her flesh God's Word becomes incarnate. Of all women Mary is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of his creatures. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy. She is the same for us.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

In the Service of Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 22 nd	6:30 ^{pm}	S ^r . Agnes O'Shea RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 23 rd	9.30 ^{am}	Holy Souls	Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
	11.00 ^{am}	Wellbeing of Irene Clarke	S ^t . John Kanty
Mon 24 th	9.30 ^{am}	Holy Souls	
	6:30 ^{pm}	Richard Marbaix RIP	Vigil Mass
	23:30 ^{pm}	Bridie, Patricia & Stephen Murray RIP	Carol Service & Midnight Mass
Tue 25 th	10.30 ^{am}	Esher Nowak RIP	The Nativity of the Lord
Wed 26 th	11.00 ^{am}	Paul M ^c Carthy RIP	S ^t . Stephen
Thu 27 th	9.30 ^{am}	S ^r . Agnes O'Shea RIP	S ^t . John
Fri 28 th	9.30 ^{am}	Holy Souls	The Holy Innocents
Sat 29 th	9.00 ^{am} 9.30 ^{am}	Morning Prayer & Exposition People of the Parish	S ^t . Thomas of Canterbury
	6:30 ^{pm}	Celebrating Nell & Dennis Higgins' Wedding Anniversary	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 30 th	9.30 ^{am}	Judd Graham RIP	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C)
	11.00 ^{am}	Mattie Fitzgerald RIP	

Please note the parish office will be closed from 12^{noon} on 21st December, and will re-open 9^{am} Monday 7th January 2019. Also please note that with immediate effect the Parish email accounts have changed as part of the diocesan GDPR initiative to make Church communications more secure.

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PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our blue "Prayers for Wellbeing", and black "Prayers of Remembrance" books are located at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

Confession times are: Monday - Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am & 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week

£313 Not Gift Aided

£222 Gift Aided

£300 Standing Order Gift Aided

£319 **Knights of S^t. Columbia Charities**

This Week

Parish Development Fund

Next Week

Parish Development Fund

THE COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese.

An envelope is attached to this week's newsletter for donations, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "St Philip Neri, Sydenham".

If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Christmas Offering envelope. Do not use the envelopes attached to the newsletter, as we will not be able to Gift Aid your donation.

Thank you.

NEW YEARS EVE - MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER MASS & CELEBRATION PARTY

This year we will be celebrating the New Year with a new Mass at 8^{pm}. If you attend this Mass, and would like to join the celebration in our hall afterwards, please contact Paula on 0776 153 0739.

Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for each person (adult or child). 55 of our 150 tickets have already gone. The party is from 8.30^{pm} to 1^{am}, music will be provided, but please bring your food and drink, which can be left in the hall before Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS - 26TH DECEMBER MASS, 11^{AM}

A reminder to all altar servers & their families, that we celebrate being part of the Guild of S^t. Stephen by attending Mass on S^t. Stephen's feast day. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of this parish to donate money for the flowers and decorations of the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'. A Mass will be offered for them after Christmas. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' - writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

200 CLUB

The winner of the December £75 prize is Robert Cole (114) and the Christmas bonus prize of £50 has been won by Maria Simpson (1). Congratulations.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

Our next lesson is **Sunday 13th January at 10^{am}** in the hall.

Chapter 6: The Word of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION '19

Our next lesson is **Friday 11th January at 7.30^{pm}** in the hall.

Chapter 6: Baptisms.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH VENUE CHANGE

The Churches Together, Christmas Day lunch originally planned to take place at our hall, will now take place at:

**FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH
5 NORMANTON STREET,
FOREST HILL, SE23 2DS**

CARER HELP REQUIRED

A carer for a local parishioner is required. Help is required twice a day, three days a week, between 1-2^{pm} and 6.30-7.30^{pm} and the carer will be paid £10.20/hour. No experience is required as training is provided. If you are interested please email: melissa.dyer1@virginmedia.com

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.