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We begin this last week of Advent with the story of the Annunciation. The angel visits Mary and says she has been chosen. She is full of grace and she is to conceive and bear a Son who is to be called Jesus, the one who saves. We are often encouraged to meditate on Mary's response. 'Let what you have said be done to me. I am God's slave, his handmaiden.' We talk about Mary's fiat (let it be done).

In reflecting on Mary's response we must not forget that it is Mary who is the first to hear the God News and we mustn't forget what this good news is. Mary is to give birth to the Messiah who is the Son of God. So this child whose birth we celebrate next week is not merely the prince of peace or some special child. Jesus is the unique Son of God, the presence of God with us. Mary is the first to accept it and proclaim it and Mary is the first and model disciple.

It is vital that we continually remind ourselves that Catholicism is not primarily a philosophy or moral code. It is faith in a person. That person is Jesus who is called the Christ. Our call is to come to know this child. Like the shepherd and the wise men we will come to see this child and give him gifts and kneel before him to worship him. But we mustn't then go away and forget him.

We go away rejoicing because God has come into our lives and hearts and he lives with us, not as a stranger, but as a friend. One like us in all things but sin. He wants us to come to know him and grow in friendship.

So as we enter the Season of Christmas we can reflect and meditate on the incarnation, God becoming man. Let our prayer as a disciple be:

*Lord may I know you more intimately,
love you more dearly and follow you
more closely, day by day.*



Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 17th/18th December 2011**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

Sat	6.30pm	John Cruse (Cruse Family)
Sun	9am	Patrick Grogan RIP (Pat Grogan)
	11am	People of the Parish
	5pm	Exposition, Evening Prayer & Benediction
	6pm	John O'Shaughnessy RIP (Fagan Family)

Daily Masses 19th-24th December 2011

Mon	Feria	
	9.30am	Funeral: Kandaswamy Santhirasegaram RIP
	5.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Tues	Feria	
	7am	Holy Souls- Those Who Have Taken Their Own Lives
	9.30am	Intentions of the McDonagh Family
	7pm	Carol Service
Wed	Feria	
	7am	Deceased Members of the Rooney and Keegan Families
	9.30am	John Patrick Joyce RIP (M J Gray)
Thur	Feria	
	7am	Nancy & Noel Ryan RIP (Monica Tett)
	9.30am	Welfare of Betty Hoey
Fri	Feria	
	7am	Private Intention
	9.30am	Jim Maughan RIP (Imelda Qualter)
	10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	Christmas Eve	
	9am	Joaquim De Mello RIP (Ivy & Michael De Mello)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 24th/25th December 2011**CHRISTMAS DAY****THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (B)**

Sat	6pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas Marian D'Cruz RIP (Rodrigues Family)
	11.30pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass People of the Parish
Sun	8am	Richard Baker RIP (Brooks Family)
	9.15am	Josephine & Patrick Doherty, Guss, Baby Breda & Thomas Delaney
	11am	Mary Smith RIP -1st Anniversary (Trish Collins)

No Evening Mass**Crib offerings for the Cabrini Children's Society
(Formerly The Catholic Children's Society)****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession)****Christmas Eve: Saturday 24th December
9.30am to 10.30am and
11.30am to 12.30pm**

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Ken Goodall, Maria Montebello** (mother of Rita Ghio), **Frances Fox, Kandaswamy Santhirasegaram** (Genny's husband), **Ron Dorey, Patrick Farmer** (father of Paul Farmer), **Richard Baker, Gerard Dodds** and **Sophie Laura Hague**, granddaughter of Gerry Hague.

We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Emma Rees (granddaughter of Toni Comer), Peter Zammit, Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Sheila Durrant, Barbara Stevenson, Bernard Darney, Peter Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Luke Nolan, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Mary McDonagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham and Mary Bastiampillai.



We welcome into the Church **Joseph George Barton & Zakk Peter John Nason** who were baptised last Sunday.

Last week's Offertory Collection**for the upkeep of the church :****£1,670****Holy Cross Thailand Appeal****£ 845**

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook

Next Week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

READINGS

This Week: : 4th Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

The Lord will always look after his people Israel.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

In the person of Jesus Christ the mystery of God's will for us all is revealed.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Mary accepts graciously God's invitation to be the mother of God's Son.

Next week: The Nativity of Our Lord (B)

Midnight Mass

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah foretells the birth of the Messiah, the one who will come to save God's people. His reign will last for ever.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

The revelation of God's grace in Jesus Christ challenges us to live lives worthy of God.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and the angel of the Lord announces news of the birth to shepherds in the field: already, the good news is beginning to spread.

Mass during the day

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah foretells the coming of the Lord: it is to be a time of great rejoicing, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of God.

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

All the prophecies of old have been fulfilled by God in the sending of his Son, Jesus Christ. All the angels worship Jesus, who sits at the right hand of God.

Gospel John 1:1-18

John reflects on the mystery of the incarnation, where the eternal Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us. In him, we see God's glory.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office closes on Thursday 22nd December until the New Year.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available at the end of the benches for your Christmas offering to the parish clergy.

Homeless At Christmas-Shelter Appeal

Shelter believes that everyone should have a home and that no one should be homeless at Christmas. To raise funds, you can send a Christmas e-card, festify your Facebook, send a personal Santacam video or 'bling' your house. There are lots of ways you can get involved in Shelter's Christmas appeal. Visit the site at www.shelter.org.uk

Other charities that are running Christmas appeals for the homeless are....

www.crisis.org.uk

www.focusireland.ie



PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Tuesday 20th December from 5pm to 6pm and Thursday 22nd December from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekend's newsletter.

CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 7PM



A wonderful way to prepare for the Christmas Season, led by the musicians of our 9am Mass

BIG THANK YOU

To all those who donated children's gifts and toys for 'Toy Sunday' last weekend. All your presents will be distributed to disadvantaged children this Christmas. Thank you.

The Diocesan Newspaper "THE PILGRIM" is now available Price 50p. Please buy a copy and support this new venture

For Expectant Mothers

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Advent is the time of year we pray for expectant mothers. We pray that mums-to-be have all the support and help they need. We pray particularly for expectant mothers who are filled with anxieties and uncertainty. We also pray for couples who are experiencing the pain of not being able to conceive, and for those who have lost a child.

OLI PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

After the huge success of our trip in October 2010, we have arranged another. Full information (including some of our destinations) can be found on the poster in the narthex and on the parish website (click on "Our Parish"). There are leaflets with details regarding the pilgrimage on the window sill above where the hymn books are laid out for Mass. We will travel from 10th – 17th October 2012 on a full board basis. The price is £1,200 each (based on 2 people sharing a room) and an additional £54 if you wish to take the tour operators travel insurance. If you wish to secure a place (we have only 36 available) please place a cheque (payable to Our Lady Immaculate) in an envelope addressed to Andrew Richardson (and hand in at the presbytery) by way of a deposit for £250 per head (plus £54 for the insurance if you are taking it). Please also enclose inside the envelope your full postal address, telephone number, email (if you have one), and name for each pilgrim. Any queries, please call Andrew on 0208 399 3466.

PARISH DINNER

**27th January 2012 at
the Sorrento Restaurant**

It's that time of year again! Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 27th January 2012 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm. Join us for a three course meal for £15 per head. Includes service charge. Drinks and coffee extra.

Numbers are limited, so please contact Elaine at the Presbytery on 020 8399 9550, or email info@olionline.co.uk to purchase your tickets.

Please arrange your own groups in advance if you would like to sit on the same table.

International Migrants Day 18th December

"When I was born in 1925 school children were taught that there were only two sorts of people in the world: the British and foreigners – and there were a lot of foreigners. Now there are no foreigners – we are all members of the human race. My little granddaughters went to primary school with 76 nationalities. When I used to go and visit the school it was like the United Nations and if I would speak to my grandchildren about multiculturalism, they wouldn't understand because they have Jewish friends and Muslim friends, American friends and Jamaican friends. This generation realises that we all live in a little spaceship called Earth and we have a common interest in working with each other."

Tony Benn

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed for all the Christmas Masses i.e. Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Vigil Mass); Midnight Mass (**begins at 11.30pm with carols and readings**); Christmas Day 8.00am; 9.15am and 11.00am. A separate sheet for each of the five Masses can be found in the RDJ Room. We need Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors and Welcomers. If you can help with any of these please enter your name on the Rota sheets in the RDJ room for the Christmas Mass of your choice. It is important that we have a full complement for every Mass. You are asked to enter your name as soon as possible please, preferably by **today, Sunday 18th December**. Welcomers and servers are asked to be there half an hour before Mass starts.

Many Thanks for your help.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2012

We have already receiving quite a number of requests for Masses in 2012.

If you wish to request a Mass for a particular date next year, please let us have it in good time. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please remember to tick the box in the label on the back of the brown Mass Offering envelope (or, if there is no label, simply write "Gift Aid" and add a tick).

Thank you.

**Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo, Deacon Al and
Trudie wish you all a very happy and
holy Christmas, and thank you all for
your good wishes, cards and gifts.**

'LIFT JESUS HIGH'

A New Year's Eve Celebration Mass- Principal Celebrant Bishop Howard Tripp at Friends meeting House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Nearest tube Euston. Doors open 8.30pm for 9pm Praise & Worship followed by Mass. Eucharistic Adoration through the night. See poster at the back of the church for more

LINE DANCING

Wednesday 14th December was the last session this year, Thank you to all those who have attended throughout 2011. Dancing will begin again on Tuesday 10th January at 1.30pm. Please note the change of day to Tuesdays. **Kris & Kev**

FOR SALE

Pink Raleigh Krush bike. Excellent condition. Suit girl age 8-10 years. £15.
Also 5 wooden doors - £10 each ono.
Call 07779 987035.