

THE SEASON OF ADVENT (Year C)

23rd December 2018

Parish Newsletter

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Parish Office Open on Monday—Friday 10am— 1.00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C) 22nd/23rd December 2018

Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

6.30pm Peter Fox –RIP (*Ray Lewry*)
9.00am Lewis Family (*L. Lewis*)
11.00am Moya McCusker (*Eoin McCusker*)
6.00pm Anna Chew—RIP (*C. Yap*)

24th/28th December 2018

Mon 24th **Feria**
9.30am Holy Souls
6.00pm **Carols**
6.30pm **Vigil of the Lord's Nativity: Pro Populo**
11.30pm **Carols**
Midnight Marian D'Cruz –RIP (*I. Rodrigues & family*)
Tues 25th **Octave of Nativity of the Lord**
8.00am Thomas Delany –RIP (*Margaret Delany*)
9.15am Bertha D'Costa –RIP (*Tessa*)
11.00am *Pro Populo*
Wed 26th **Saint Stephen—The First Martyr**
10.00am Kathleen Jones (*Breda & Doug Pink*)
7.00pm Thanksgiving—25th W. Anniv. (*Lucy & Isaac*)
Thurs 27th **Saint John the Apostle**
9.30am Mrs Beverley Aitken –RIP (*Verna*)
Fri 28th **The Holy Innocents**
9.30am Joseph (*Sally Mathew*)
11.00am **Funeral : Bertha D'Costa —RIP**
29th Sat **Saint Thomas of Canterbury**
9.00am Anna Chew — RIP (*C. Yap*)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year C) 29th/30th December 2018

6.30pm Liz Price — RIP (*Monica*)
9.00am
11.00am
6.00pm Eddie Savage –RIP (*Jennifer*)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday—Friday,
8.30am; Saturday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.30am—10am & 5.30—6.00pm

NOVENAS

1. Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony each Tuesday after the morning Mass and after the evening Mass.
2. Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday after the evening Mass.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially *Josephine Richards, Margaret Spooner, Jean Dawes, Peter Hogan,* and *Bertha D'Costa,* and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Pat Parker, Eileen Pearce,

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

St Vincent de Paul Meetings

First and third Wednesdays at 7.45pm.

Next meeting: 2 January 2019

To contact SVP please ring the presbytery

Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm.

SVP Coffee Morning in the Old Chapel

3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Justice & Peace Group

Second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro-Malabar Mass

Fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.

Repository

The repository is open the first Saturday of every month after the 6:30 pm mass and the first Sunday after the 11 am mass. It is open every Sunday after the 9 am mass, excluding school holiday.

Library:

3rd Sunday of every month - after the 9.00am Mass with SVP Coffee Morning.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Third Tuesday of each month except August at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel.

Knights of St Columba

Every 3rd Monday at 4pm in RDJ Room.

The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity

Pastoral Centre on 1st Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Prayer Group—Tuesday at 10.30am— 12noon (RDJ Room) except 1st Tuesday.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 6.30 pm
Midnight (*Carols: 11.30 pm*)

Christmas Day:

8.00 am
9.15 am
11.00 am

Boxing Day: 10am & 7pm

SAFE TRAVELS!

Journey mercies and best wishes to
all parishioners who are travelling
for and during Christmas!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

By custom in the diocese, the Christmas offering will be your personal gift to Father Ignatius and Father Joseph. Envelopes are available at Narthex if you would like to use them.

Together with the Easter Offering, the Christmas offering constitutes the main income of priests who serve in parish ministries.

Baptisms in the Parish

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow two Baptism Preparation Sessions.

They are held on the first Sunday of every month from 10am to 11am in the Old Chapel.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019

I would like to thank all prospective Confirmation candidates and their parents for their understanding regarding lack information about next year's Confirmation programme.

I would, therefore, like to meet with all who have been involved in Confirmation catechesis in the parish or elsewhere else, preferably before the end of the year.

I would appreciate if past, present and prospective Confirmation catechists could, please, contact me as soon as possible. Suggestions are welcomed. Thank you.

Father Ignatius

WEARING OF HEAD COVERS BY MEN IN CHURCH

In recent times, especially at the 6pm Mass on Sunday, I have had occasions to have a polite conversation with a few gentlemen who wear hats or baseball caps inside the Church, on the inappropriateness of doing so. I would like to make the following clarification on this subject.

Firstly, it is true that the good Lord welcomes all of us despite ourselves—who we are, what we wear, etc. Still, the Christian understanding of the Church as a **Sacred place**, not just as a mere building or a social space (see Matthew 21:12-13; John 2:13-17), obliges all who come into the Church to at least maintain some basic decorum and comportment, as much as possible, especially inside the Church and during the sacred liturgy. Thus, from ancient times, the Christian/Catholic tradition enjoins gentlemen to take off their hats, caps, head scarves, etc. as a sign of respect and worship. Moreover, in the Catholic tradition, in utmost reverence to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—either on the Altar during Mass or reserved in the Tabernacle. This is why we genuflect in worship towards the Tabernacle whenever we enter the Church or cross the aisle from one side of the Church to the other. Every society has some basic ethos and etiquettes; the Church isn't an exception. An openness to embrace such rules, I believe, is implied in our voluntary membership of the Church. I pray this rather tentative explanation would be of any little help. **PP**



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas. We need Altar Servers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Jacques Lambert, Parish MC

NEW YEAR EVE MASS

There will be a Mass on New Year's Eve to welcome the New Year.

10.0pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

11.00pm: Eucharistic Celebration, to finish at midnight with a Solemn New Year Blessing; followed by a Reception in the Old Chapel. We will need some volunteers to plan the liturgy/celebration.

Please, contact Father Ignatius.

Social and Games Changes from January: Last Sunday of each month, social and games will take place after 11 mass in the Old Chapel. Please call Helen, the YSVP coordinator on 07402327177 for any further information.

SVP Meeting: 2 January, 7.30pm in the old Chapel.
Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm at the same venue.

FOODBANK COLLECTION:

There will be a food collection for our local Foodbank after each Mass next weekend. We need undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in the box in the Church porch.

Most needed items are: Long-life milk, fruit juices/squash, pasta sauce, biscuits and tinned meat.

If you have any queries or need our support, please contact the Foodbank co-ordinator on 07402327177.

CHURCH CLEANING

More volunteers are needed to help with Church cleaning.

Please contact Tessa MacLeod on 0795 868 3304