

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's dedication is for: People of the Parish

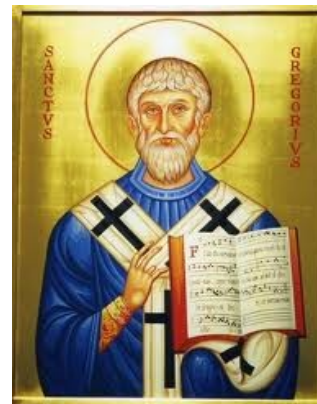
Mass Intentions for 3rd December to 10th December 2017

This SUNDAY 3rd December	5.30 pm (Sat)	Mary Newcombe (RIP)
1st Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Shaun Kelly (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Hedi David (RIP)
Monday 4th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Patrick Odee (RIP)
Tuesday 5th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Good Health of Barbara Scoble
Wednesday 6th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Michael Whooley (RIP)
Thursday 7th December	NO MASS HERE TODAY	
St. Ambrose	(Sacred Heart, Ruislip - 10.00am)	
Friday 8th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
The Immaculate Conception	10.00 am	Delia Moriarty
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00 pm	1st Reconciliation Service
Saturday 9th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Anne O'Sullivan
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism - Sophia Meehan
NEXT WEEKEND		
10th December 2017	5.30 pm (Sat)	Deceased Members of the Carroll Family (RIP)
2nd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Frank Sapienza (RIP)
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after morning & evening Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:- Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Pauline Davey, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Thelma Buckingham, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Denise Busby, Sylvia Bryant, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Michael Mangan, Mary Wallace, Brendan Conroy, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Steve Howley, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, James West, Colin Sanders, Sid West, Tom Hennessy, Breda O'Sullivan, Nora Demello, John Rawlings, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Dympna McDermott, Julie & Colin Dear, Peggy McNicholas, Fr. Basil, Delroy Anderson, Josie Ballard. *(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME, WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:- Mary Newcombe, Shaun Kelly, Hedi David, Patrick Odee, Michael Whooley, Anne O'Sullivan.



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3rd December 2017

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Fr. Paul writes:- We celebrate today the start of the Church's Year and the season of Advent. Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas. The first reading at most of the Masses (Sundays and weekdays) are from the prophet Isaiah. They tell of the hope of God's people in God.

They are as relevant for us today as they were for the people of the Old Testament. They call on us to trust in God and His Plans. They speak to people who are struggling with difficult times and circumstances around them. Advent calls on us to a) to deepen our faith in God and His Ways b) to recognise and acknowledge the real presence of evil in our world and in our lives and c) to be messengers of hope and joy to those around us.

Why not invest in a copy of "My Day by Day" for the season of Advent. (Just £1 and a handy size to fit in your pocket/handbag. You'll find them on the table by the inside door of the church. They give the messages of hope and joy from mass each day and provide ways of us entering into the season seriously and will be a great way of preparing for the feast of Christmas. In many ways Advent is for adults while Christmas is for children!

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December inclusive.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Douay Martyrs School

It is with great joy we can share with you the following news: With nominations drawn from 100's of schools throughout England and Wales, the judging panel awarded Douay Martyrs Catholic School in Ickenham the Catholic Social Teaching Award: Cardinal Hume Award- 'Living out the option for the poor'. The Douay Martyrs Catholic School was honoured with this award for its outstanding work with refugees, homeless, donation campaign for victims of the Grenfell Tower disaster, £1000's of pounds donated to CAFOD, Catholic Children's Society, working with the local foodbanks, providing meals for bereaved families, creating Christmas hampers for families in need, working with the mental health teams, supporting local hospitals and visiting residential homes. And just recently staff, students and families filled 20 large black sacks of winter clothing which were donated to the homeless in London. Head teacher – Mr Anthony Corish said, "This is great news and a great testament to all that staff, students, Governors and our parent community strive to do day after day".

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation 2018

If you are in Year 9 or above, you are invited to write to Fr. Paul, briefly explaining your reasons for wishing to be confirmed. Your letter should also include your name, address, telephone number, email address and a passport-size photograph. All letters of application must be in the Presbytery by

Friday 15th December at the latest.

Westminster Year Books

These are now available in the Porch (£4.50).

2018 Parish Diaries are now available in the porch priced at only £1.

Weddings

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

Red Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 and the name will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

COLLECTIONS 26/11/2017

Envelopes	£ 603.19
Loose Plate	£ 315.41
Standing Orders	£ 650.00
Total	£1568.60
Aid to Church in Need	£ 884.45

Parish Registration

If you have recently joined the parish or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

PARISH NOTICES

SVP News

Our final SVP meeting of 2017 takes place on Monday night, 8pm in the hall. It promises to be a busy one as we have had a tremendous response to the recent Information Evening. If you were not able to make it to the Information Evening, but want to be a member, then it isn't too late - just come along on Monday! Thank you to all those who continue to support us through funds and food donations. Winter is well and truly with us so rest assured that these will be passed on to the needy ASAP. With the cold, dark evenings now here can you please be extra aware of your vulnerable neighbours and please contact the SVP if any help is needed. Just contact Gillian or Paul O'Regan - Mob 07563 775 777 - info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk if you know of someone who needs help. God Bless.

Giving Tree 2017

This Weekend week 1 - 3rd December - Women At The Well

Week 2 - 10th December - P3 Hostel - Buy a bauble and collection after all Masses.

Week 3 - 17th December - SVP / Foodbank Food gift cards from local grocery stores in denominations of £5-£10 for food bank clients.

Baptism Preparation

Tuesday 5th December 8pm in the Church hall. Please telephone Gillian at the Presbytery as these meetings are by appointment only.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd December

5.30 pm (Sat. Vigil) Children's Liturgy
10.00 am Children's Liturgy
11.00 am Refreshments after Mass

Monday 4th December

1.30 pm Monday Club
8.00 pm SVP Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 5th December

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 6th December

1.30 pm Knitting / Crochet



LOOKING AHEAD:-

Saturday 9th December

8.00 am Church Cleaning
10.30-11.30am Walk With Me

Sunday 10th December

5.30 pm (Sat. Vigil) Children's Liturgy
10.00 am Children's Liturgy
11.00 am Refreshments after Mass

Monday 11th December

1.30 pm Monday Club

Tuesday 12th December

1.45 pm St. Swithun Wells' School
Carol Service & Nativity

Wednesday 13th December

1.30 pm Knitting / Crochet