

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's dedication is for: All Those in our Garden of Remembrance

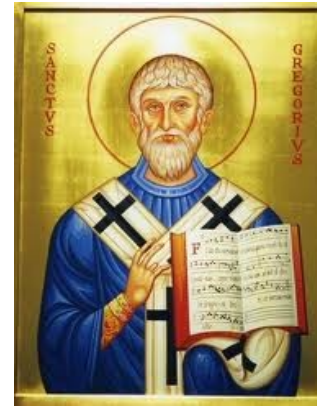
Mass Intentions for 17th December to 24th December 2017

This SUNDAY 17th December	5.30 pm (Sat)	John Fanning (RIP)
2nd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Gladys & Patrick Moon (RIP)
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 18th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Teresa Kiely (Intentions)
Tuesday 19th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Russ Gomez (RIP)
Wednesday 20th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Beryl Davis (RIP)
Thursday 21st December	10.00 am	Funeral Mass - Kaye Zajac (RIP)
Friday 22nd December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Harry Hickman & Martin Byrnes (RIP)
Saturday 23rd December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Ann Ticehurst (Intentions)
	10.30-11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
NEXT WEEKEND		
24th December 2017	5.30 pm (Sat)	Mary McVeigh (RIP)
4th Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Ron & Nelly Richards (RIP)
25th December	7.00 pm (Sun)	Sean Keane (RIP)
Christmas Day	10.00 pm (Sun)	People of the Parish
	10.00 am	Peter, Josephine & Donal Farrell (RIP)

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:- Kaye Zajac, Baby Michael John Lavelle, John Fanning, Gladys & Patrick Moon, Russ Gomez, Beryl Davis, Harry Hickman, Martin Byrnes.



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17th December 2017

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Fr Paul writes:

John the Baptist features again in our readings at Mass. He prepares the way for the coming Messiah by calling people to change their ways and turn to God. Advent is a good time for us to examine our lives and lifestyles and to see where we need to change our ways.

The usual practice for us is to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession) This week there is a special opportunity for all to join together in a communal celebration of the Sacrament - on Monday at 7.30pm in the Church of The Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip. This ceremony is a vivid way of reminding ourselves that we are ALL sinners in need of the grace of God. There will be a number of priests available for individual confessions.

Next Saturday there will be an extended period for confessions here in the church from 10.30am - 11.30pm.

Make sure you have a copy of all the Christmas Services.

NB. Don't forget The Service of Lessons and Carols this Sunday evening in St. Mary's, The Fairway at 7pm. It is a special way of sharing with our Church of England friends as we all prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Fr. Eric, the new Vicar, is eager to welcome us—and to the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!

DIOCESAN NEWS

CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Job Description	Hours per week	Closing Date
Tutor - Floral Enterprise Caritas St Josephs Hendon	3 hours	18/12/2017
Tutor - A place to grow - Carpentry Caritas St Josephs	6 hours	18/12/2017
Coordinator of Evangelisation, Barnet Parish	16 hours	18/12/2017
Kitchen Assistant, SPEC Retreat Centre, Pinner	35 hours	05/01/2018
Weekend Cook, Highgate Parish	6 hours	12/01/2018
Assistant Cathedral Manager, Westminster Cathedral	35 hours	12/01/2018

Please visit our website at <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all these vacancies.

SVP

"The SVP are distributing **12,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, two pairs of socks, gloves, toothbrush, toothpaste, information card and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you so much for your support."

PARISH NEWS

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 10/12/2017

Envelopes	£ 498.13
Loose Plate	£ 253.72
Standing Orders	£ 650.00
Total	£1401.85
P3 Hostel	£ 850.91

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

Given the approaching longest night of the year, ie winter solstice, can you please be extra aware of the lonely and housebound amongst us at this time. It takes just a minute or two to check on your neighbours and that could make all the difference to someone in need. In September, you might remember, we had the annual SVP awareness month titled 'Welcome the Stranger'. This challenge is particularly relevant during the dark and cold winter months, so please take a moment out to consider your response. Your SVP team are always on standby to help out and, so, if you know of any case of need within the parish please make contact with Gillian or Paul O'Regan - Mob 07563 775 777 - info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk God Bless.

Giving Tree 2017

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

Christmas Envelopes

Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the Church. These are for those who will be away and for those who see their gift as a personal gift to your priest.

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 **Sunday 31st December at the latest**. Mass of enrolment will be on Saturday 20th January 2018 at 5.30pm.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th December

5.30 pm (Sat. Vigil)	Children's Liturgy
10.00 am	Children's Liturgy
11.00 am	Refreshments after Mass
7.00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols - St. Mary's The Fairway.

Monday 18th December

7.00 pm	Advent Penitential Service - Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip
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LOOKING AHEAD:-

23rd December

8.00 am	Church Cleaning
10.30-11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation

