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Dec 2020	Third Sunday of Advent	Year B
Saturday 12	4.00 p.m. Advent Feria	Pauline Conmee
Sunday 13	9.30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Monday 14		St John of the Cross
Tuesday 15		Advent Feria
Wednesday 16	9.30 a.m. Advent Feria	
Thursday 17		Advent Feria
Friday 18		Advent Feria
Saturday 19	4.00 p.m. Advent Feria	
Sunday 20	9.30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish

Our routines of cleanliness, stewarding and social distancing to which we have become accustomed, and which have made our church a place of real COVID-19 security, will be maintained. Face coverings should continue to be worn in churches unless individuals are exempt. Thank you to our Stewards for their ongoing support.

Masses will continue to be offered privately by Fr. Mario and all intentions booked will be honoured.

Please pray for those of our Parish who are sick: Fr Dominic, Margaret and Majella McAtavey, Soraya Wilson, Beatrice Akamanyi, Alan and Tess Shepherd, Katie Guiden, George and Pat Gallagher, Margaret Murphy, Brian Reaney, Janet and Harry Fox, Sharon Simon, Dawn McGhie, Anne Murphy, Elizabeth Keene.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Ward, Henry Ryan, Cynthia Stevens, Joyce Harper, Carmel Kearns, Joseph O'Connor, Rev. Fr. Michael McKiernan, Joan Stimpson, Beatrice Davies, Hilda Wasdell, Elsie Howard, Kathleen Ferguson, Patrick Griffiths.

Walk With Me booklets are now available. Please pick one up and take it home with you.

Home Visits Fr. Mario will be resuming home visits this month. Please contact us if you would like him to visit you.

Second Collection Today: Catholic Evangelisation

Next Second Collection: 19th and 20th December – Apostleship of the Sea

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1	Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11	I exult for joy in the Lord.
Psalm	Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54	My soul glorifies the Lord.
Reading 2	1 Thess 5:16-24	May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Is 61:1 (Lk 4: 18)	The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Gospel	John 1:6-8, 19-28	There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

“Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn. We ask for her guidance and inspiration as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support to all in society. Lord hear us”.

Parish Notices

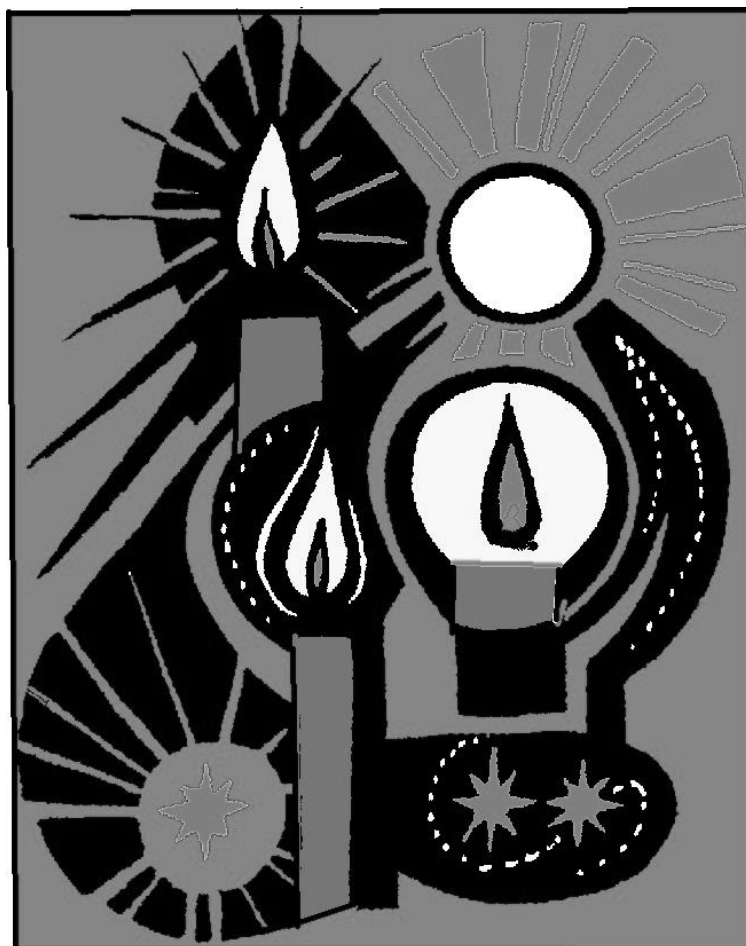
Christmas Mass – The dates of our Masses at Christmas are now agreed. Due to the ongoing Public Health measures numbers remain restricted. If you wish to book a place, please send an email to the Parish Office with your name, date of Mass and names of those attending. There is also a sign-up sheet in Church -please speak to a Steward to book a place. If you book a place and find you cannot attend please let the Parish Office know so the place/s can be reallocated.

Wednesday 16th	7.00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service
Thursday 24th	8.00 p.m.	First Mass of Christmas at St John and St Martin
Friday 25th	9.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Mass at St John and St Martin
Saturday 26th	4.00 p.m.	St Stephen
Sunday 27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Family

Christmas Mass Offering Envelopes: Envelopes are available from the Porch. Do please use them. The Offering at Christmas (and also at Easter) is our Priest's main source of income.

Christmas Cards for Other Parishioners: Sadly, due to the current restrictions we ask you to give any Christmas Cards directly to the person they are for. Please do not leave them in

Piety Stall – If you wish to buy an item from the Piety Stall, please speak to a Steward who will try and help you. Sadly, due to the current restrictions we cannot open the shop for you to browse.



Other Notices

God Who Speaks: Teresa Brown from Northampton Diocese has created a **YouTube video on the Annunciation: From Gabriel to Mary** with her own music and various artists' portrayal of the event. <https://youtu.be/h-qKINUziig>

St Chad's Sanctuary - A different way to donate!

Ever wanted to buy them something but don't know what they need? They have an Amazon wishlist with some of their most wanted items listed within it. Just take a look at the list and order something to be delivered directly to them. You can provide for some of the neediest people in our society without leaving your armchair!

<https://stchadssanctuary.us12.list->

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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
DECEMBER
2020

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER
We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.