

BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism Joshua Brian Collinson. We wish him and his family every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

PRE-CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In these different and difficult times, can I take this opportunity to thank those who have continued to offer their services so that the parish could continue to function as effectively as we have. Also, to those who would normally have been active in the parish but whose ministry has been suspended or those who have to isolate, I look forward to your involvement when we get some sense of normality back. To those who have discovered new ministries associated with the pandemic, thank you for all those you have helped. All our volunteers offer a great service and are much appreciated.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas and may the Prince of Peace bless you and your loved ones.

God Bless you all.

Fr Graeme

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our three Christmas Masses will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List and the People of the Parish. Sheets are still available at the back of church and all Mass offerings will be donated to Shelter.

MASS ON BOXING DAY

Mass on Boxing Day, the Feast of St Stephen (Patron Saint of Altar Servers) will be offered for the intentions of our Altar Servers.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Christmas posters are available at the back of church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

G	A	B	R	H	E	S	U	O	H
A	J	O	S	T	N	O	S	T	A
B	A	R	R	E	N	N	E	M	N
R	C	E	E	R	D	B	D	A	D
I	O	C	J	A	A	I	A	Y	M
E	B	H	O	Z	S	L	V	R	A
L	N	I	I	A	E	U	I	A	I
O	S	L	C	N	G	O	S	M	D
R	E	D	E	N	A	N	G	E	L
D	A	V	I	H	P	E	S	O	J

ANGEL	GABRIEL	JOSEPH
MARY	REJOICE	SON
LORD	JESUS	CHILD
ELIZABETH	BARREN	HANDMAID



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank



20th December 2020 - 4th Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

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REFLECTION

Advent can often lose its focus and get forgotten because of all the other things that demand our attention at this time of the year. The readings on this, the 4th Sunday of Advent give us an opportunity to take Christmas seriously and with that comes a new vision. Today many of us seek fulfilment and happiness through 'doing our own thing'.

We sometimes believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to, nobody else's problems to solve – no duty! But there can be a lot of selfishness in the 'do your own thing' approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is the road to true happiness – in reality it's more likely to lead to unhappiness! True happiness and fulfilment are more likely to be found in the acceptance of duty or to be exact, in the loving acceptance of duty. In this Mary gives us a great example. She didn't say to the angel, 'Sorry, but I have my own plans. I want to do my own thing.' Instead she said, 'It's not what I want, but what God wants that matters - let what God wants be done to me.' Mary made a complete gift of herself to God, and accepted the task he gave her and even though she didn't understand all the implications of it, she knew that God would give her all the help she needed. She trusted so deeply in God that she was open to all possibilities and gave up control over her future and let God define her life. Life imposes a lot of

duties on us all. Besides duties to ourselves, we have duties to others, and duties to God. Where would the world be if we only thought of ourselves, and insisted on doing our own thing all the time? If we choose to accept duty lovingly and say 'Yes' as Mary did, we may not find happiness and fulfilment in the eyes of the world, but we will certainly find it in the eyes of God. All God asks is that we follow Mary's example and say 'Yes' - in our families, in our community and in our world. Just as God called and chose Mary, God calls and chooses each of us. So, following Mary's faithful example, let us bring Jesus into our needy world of today.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 13th Dec 2020

Gift Aid: **£92.00**

Loose Plate: **£236.40**

Standing Orders: **£180.48**

Online donations: **£175.38**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Theresa Knowles
 Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly
 Baby Elmo Allan - William Morris - Paul McBeth - Robert Turner - Fr Laurence Mayne

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently,
 especially John Meehan.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

LOCKDOWN 2 - TIER 3 UPDATE

Following the latest government guidance, Public Worship services have now resumed.

Restrictions remain in place include the wearing of face masks, hand sanitisation and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed. People who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

Funerals will still be permitted to go ahead but should be kept to close family members only (max 30 people).

Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance.

Weddings will not be permitted to take place at this time (except in danger of death).

Baptisms can still go ahead but may only be attended by people from the household of the child being baptised (max of 6 and godparents will have to be by proxy).

NB: There is no option in Tier 3 for outside baptisms.

Masses will also continue to be LiveStreamed at the advertised times.

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

Sunday Masses:

9:30am (Public Worship) & 11:00am (LiveStream)

Devotions will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm and will be LiveStreamed only.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

There will be 3 Christmas Masses this year, Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and 9:00pm and Christmas Day at 9:30am. As the numbers at each service are restricted in line with government guidelines, unfortunately this year these will need to be ticketed events. Requests for tickets must be made in writing stating the number of tickets required, the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number.

Please also state your preferred Mass time and whether you would like to receive your tickets via email, post or collection. Tickets will be allocated to those who regularly attend Mass in the first instance. Those attending must be in their seats at least 5 minutes before the start of Mass. A request form can be downloaded [here](#).

NB: All Christmas Masses will also be LiveStreamed.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 20 Dec	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Cyril Iddon (A) Catherine & Cecil de Lacy	Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers
Sun 20 Dec	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Cyril Moss (A)	
Mon 21 Dec	8:30am	St Peter Canisius	Mary Skeldon (LD)	
Tues 22 Dec	10:00am		Evan Critchley (A) George Walker (B)	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 23 Dec	8:30am	St John of Kanty	Teresa Kershaw	
Thu 24 Dec	10:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	1st MASS OF CHRISTMAS	Peter Ainsworth (A)	Intentions of those on the Parish Christmas List & People of the Parish
Fri 25 Dec	9:30am		THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
Sat 26 Dec	11:00am	St Stephen	St Gregory's Altar Servers	Guild of St Stephen
Sun 27 Dec	9:30am	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Valerie Bretherton	
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