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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December 2023

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Thank you to all who contributed to the life of our community throughout the year. Service takes many forms and a non-exhaustive list includes: our deacon, Simon, altar servers & sacristans, organist & singers, readers & extraordinary ministers, meeters & greeters, church cleaners & launderers, childrens' liturgy & sacramental preparation leaders, volunteering in the office, accounting & Gift Aid, at the piety stall, maintaining websites, grounds, buildings & cemetery, supporting our schools – especially our governors and other volunteers, the UCM, the SVP & the sick and the housebound... In short, thanks to all who serve and work in any way. Fr M

Many thanks for your contributions to our UCM Advent appeal for Baby Basics Sheffield and also to the **Reverse Advent Calendar** for **St Wilfrid's** or the **Handsworth Foodbank**.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti

A Prayer before Christmas Dinner

Eternal God, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that you have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, Jesus your Son. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 24 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Christmas</i></p> <p><i>Night Mass of Christmas</i></p>	<p>10.00am For the People</p> <p>4.00pm Thomas Conway Snr</p> <p>7.00pm Christine Hynes</p>
<p>Monday 25 December <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i></p>	<p>8.45am Fred Butler</p> <p>10.00am Bill Pollock</p>
<p>Tuesday 26 December <i>St Stephen</i></p>	<p>10.00am Ray Brolly</p>
<p>Wednesday 27 December <i>St John</i></p>	<p>November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents</i></p>	<p>10.00am Michael McManus</p>
<p>Friday 29 December <i>St Thomas Becket</i></p>	<p>10.00am Charles & Sheila Maloney</p>
<p>Saturday 30 December <i>Christmas Octave</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.00pm For the People</p>



We wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas! We pray that you and your loved ones may enjoy the blessings of good health in the coming New Year and that the peace of Christ may reign in your hearts and homes.

Father Mark McManus & Deacon Simon Hegarty

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Sunday 31 December <i>The Holy Family</i>	8.45am Helena Šukevič 10.00am Leanne Wainwright
Monday 1 January <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i>	<u>11.00am</u> Kevin Hegarty
Tuesday 2 January <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i>	10.00am Intentions of Marie O’Hara
Wednesday 3 January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 4 January <i>Christmastide weekday</i>	10.00am Intentions of Christine Hynes
Friday 5 January <i>Christmastide weekday</i>	9.00 - 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Josie Tasker
Saturday 6 January <i>Christmastide weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People
Sunday 7 January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8.45am Roy Dyson 10.00am Intentions of Patrick Clarke

Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The sanctuary lamp burns for:

The victims of violence, cruelty and abuse, especially children

Last week’s collection was £759.90 (£430.50 in offertory envelopes, £329.40 in loose). The collection for the **Christmas flowers & tree was £459.46**. Many thanks for your continuing generosity and support.

This year our **Crib Offerings** will be donated to **Aid to the Church in Need in Gaza & Israel** and there will also be a **retiring collection** for them on feast of the **Epiphany, 6 & 7 January**.

Please note that there is **no Exposition** on Friday, **29 December**, and that this liturgical year the Solemnity of the **Baptism of the Lord** will fall on Monday, **8 January**.