



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Sat, 5:15–5:45pm – Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

3rd December, First Sunday of Advent - B

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus points to the coming judgement of God, and so the call goes out: 'Stay awake!' But it is a judgement of liberation - Isaiah expressed the great need of humanity. Saint Paul puts this in terms of the Christian life: the power of the Spirit enables us to stand firm.

10th December, Second Sunday Advent - B

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

The strange figure of John the Baptist is placed before us; yet he is the beginning of the 'Good News', the source of consolation for God's people, because his work prepares us for the work of Christ. The root of our consolation lies in the fact that God is faithful to his word and his promises.

CHURCH PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion/CALIYP 23/24 The next session will start on Saturday 13th January at 10:00am in the Church. Your Mass will take place on Sunday 14th January at 11:00am. All sessions are mandatory and must be attended on time.

RCIA If you wish to find out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a baptized/confirmed member of the Church do feel free to join the RCIA programme which takes place in the presbytery meeting room every Tuesday at 7:30pm. **Term time only.**

Confirmation Programme 23/24 The next meeting will be on Saturday 13th January at 2:30pm. Your Mass will take place on Sunday 14th January at 9:00am. All sessions are mandatory and must be attended on time.

Baptism Course The next course will take place on Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th March at 7:00pm please email the presbytery office before 21st February if you are interested in attending. All sessions must be attended.

Bible Study Group Meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the presbytery meeting room. **Term time only.**

CHURCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle tickets are still available after all weekend Masses. Funds will go towards the upkeep of the Parish. Please ensure that ticket stubs and monies are returned to the Church by Sunday 10th December including any unsold tickets. The draw will take place after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 17th December.

Pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:

<i>Fr. John McKeon</i>	<i>Mary Ware</i>	<i>Danny O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Yvonne Falvey</i>	<i>Thomas Walsh</i>
<i>Pauline Egbunike</i>	<i>Maureen Bushell</i>	<i>John Connors</i>	<i>Ibiron Ayool</i>	<i>Myla Lebersidge</i>
<i>Mark Paton</i>	<i>Olive Edgar</i>	<i>Catherine Watkins</i>	<i>Andy Gallagher</i>	<i>Tony Leahy</i>
<i>Mary Wallace</i>	<i>Denis O'Flaherty</i>	<i>Amanda Shpati</i>	<i>Teresa Power</i>	<i>Alison Ord</i>
<i>Daniel Mahoney</i>	<i>Karen Lloyd</i>	<i>Paul Buckley</i>		

REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill in a parish registration form and hand it in to presbytery office.

eNEWSLETTER

To help reduce our carbon footprint, copies of the newsletter are now available on our parish website, www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org

Unfortunately, at the moment, the newsletter cannot be accessed via iPhone.

We will keep you updated with any future development.

PARISH COUNSELLOR

One of our parishioners is a trained counsellor and wishes to offer their services to members of Holy Family Catholic Church.

If you want a confidential and safe environment to explore your anxieties, fears and coping strategies or if you want to increase your self-awareness, please contact Fr Jean-Laurent for further information.

ST VINCENT'S PARISH CENTENARY

Congratulations to St Vincent's Parish, Becontree who celebrate their centenary of the foundation of the Church with a special Mass on Wednesday 6th December at 6:30pm. Bishop Alan Williams will be the main celebrant.

MEETING FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Friday 8th December at 7:00pm in the Church to prepare for Christmas and New Year.

GIVING TREE

Please look out for the Giving Tree which will be at the back of the Church shortly.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday 21st December at 6:30pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions.

WALK WITH ME

The popular Walk With Me books for Advent are available from the repository at £1.00 each. There are also a number of Christmas items for sale.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Please take one Advent/Christmas card per household. This contains all the Mass times taking place over Christmas and New Year.

MASS ON 8TH DECEMBER

There will be an extra evening Mass at 6:30pm on Friday 8th December for the feast of The Immaculate Conception.

READERS FOR MASS

Sat 2nd Dec	6:00pm	1st Holy Communion, Caliyp & Confirmation Candidates
Sun 3rd Dec	9:00am	Pamela Anike & Philippa Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Cynthia Nnadi & Onose Eugalaeon
Sat 9th Dec	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Anne Carroll
Sun 10th Dec	9:00am	Alfonse Gabriel & Annette O'Donaghue
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli & Immaculate Nnadi
Sat 16th Dec	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Caroline Van Der Steen
Sun 17th Dec	9:00am	Nathali Duncan & Ada Osigwe
	11:00am	Ann Mushumbusi & Clare Nwachukwu

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 2nd Dec	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 3rd Dec	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 9th Dec	6:00pm	Karen Drillon
Sun 10th Dec	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Angela Milton
Sat 16th Dec	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 17th Dec	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Veronica Obi

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Readers & Ministers please inform the welcomers that you are present for your scheduled Mass. Thank you.

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JOB VACANCIES

There are a number of vacancies throughout the diocese, please see the notices in the Church porch.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us again on the weekend 16th - 17th December to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated.

FATHER JOHN McKEON

Please continue to hold Fr John McKeon in your prayers, who is ill in hospital and undergoing tests.

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Advent - B

Saturday 2nd Dec	6:00pm	Francis Theophile (RIP)	M Heyman
Sunday 3rd Dec	9:00am	Hayley Panton (Spec Ints)	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

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Mon 4th Dec	9:00am	Daniel & Mary Mahoney (Spec Ints)	D Mahoney
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Tue 5th Dec	6:30pm	Mr & Mrs Devasia Thomas (RIP)	Cicily
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Wed 6th Dec	9:00am	Donor Intention	
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St Ambrose, Bp, D

Thu 7th Dec	9:00am	Marvin Melendez Sr (RIP)	M Melendez
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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 8th Dec	9:00am	Thanksgiving	G Nwaofidel
	6:30pm	Fr John McKeon	

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Saturday 9th Dec	9:00am	Thanksgiving	N Anteyi
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Second Sunday of Advent - B

Saturday 9th Dec	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald (Get Well)	T Seidu
Sunday 10th Dec	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Patricio M Barroga (RIP)	Barroga Family

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Mon 11th Dec	9:00am	Holy Hour – NO MASS	
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Tue 12th Dec	6:30pm	Francis Canning (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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St Lucy, V, M

Wed 13th Dec	9:00am	Ada (Thanksgiving)	Anteyi Family
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St John of the Cross, Pr, D

Thu 14th Dec	9:00am	Paul Agwanihu (RIP)	Donor Intentions
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Fri 15th Dec	9:00am	Francis Canning (RIP)	J Harrison
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Saturday 16th Dec	9:00am	Thanksgiving	D Maduli & Family
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Third Sunday in Advent – B

Saturday 16th Dec	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 17th Dec	9:00am	Paul Agwanihu (RIP)	Donor Intentions
	11:00am	Ellena D Paraiso (RIP)	Barroga Family

Mass Attendance

18th / 19th Nov

418 Late: 137

25th / 26th Nov

361 Late: 123

Collection

18th / 19th Nov

£1072.16

25th / 26th Nov

£897.01

2nd Collection

18th / 19th Nov

N/A

25th / 26th Nov

N/A