

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 14th December – Sunday 20th December 2020

Monday 10:00am Reginald Palat
Tuesday 10:00am Christina Slattery R.I.P
Wednesday 7:00pm Holy Souls
Thursday 10:00am Dorothy Burgess R.I.P
Friday 10:00am Int. of George Robertson
Saturday 6:00pm Elizabeth & George
Baldwin R.I.P

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday 8:30am Int. of Ann Laishley
10:00am People of the Parish
12 noon George Ravew R.I.P

CONFESSION

Every Saturday between 2 and 4pm. Also by appointment, or on the off chance, if you call and get me.

Fr Jack

There has been bad news with Covid, sad news with deaths and fake news with Trump, but like John the Baptist I come with Good News. Yet so often people do not want to hear it; the simple message is, "we all hear what we want to hear." As a cliché tells us in another place, "there is none so deaf as those who do not want to hear."

So do we all in our own way add to the misery of the world? Each one of us adding a little bit of selfishness here and there, making up to a pandemic not necessarily Covid but a pandemic of selfishness and "I'll do it my way."

Jesus came with a simple message of peace to all people of good will.

And I do believe the more I see Christ in my own life, the more I see him in others.

BISHOP PAT LYNCH

Bishop Pat has retired after 20 years as bishop in the diocese. We wish him all the best and I am sure he will still be doing much work.

WRAP UP JESUS

Parents please help your children to wrap up the baby Jesus for your crib. Bring him along to mass next Sunday.

We bless him and you take him home to go under the tree. Then on Christmas day, you unwrap him and put him in the crib. *This is our real Christmas gift.*

HAMPERS

Hampers are now available for those who need them. Please collect from the church.

CAFOD INTERNATIONAL GIFTS

Go to CAFOD website, [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts] click on international gifts and pick your gift for a poor person/family. Send it direct to CAFOD or bring here to me and I will send it off on your behalf.

Stewards

We have a great group of volunteers who keep our church open every day for our benefit. They could do with some more help. Please consider helping and offer your name to any of them after mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

(if there are no changes on the lockdown rules)

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24th

6pm and 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th

10am only.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY Saturday 26th

12 Noon.

SUNDAY All at usual times.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Christmas collection is your personal gift to me. Again it will be for the education of children in Kenya. Your generosity is appreciated. Please no whiskey, black socks or hankies, I've got enough for the rest of my life. Thank you.

Influenza caused between 50 and 100 million deaths worldwide in 1918.