

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 16th December – Sunday 22nd December 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Intention of Una Feeney
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Grace Fernando R.I.P
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Holy Souls
	<b>7:00pm</b>	School Nativity Play All welcome
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Andy Effiom R.I.P
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	
<b>8:30am</b>		Special Intention
<b>10:00am</b>		Reginald Palat
<b>12 noon</b>		People of the Parish

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,**  
**but can be organised anytime,**  
**text 07909 140867**

## Kathleen Doherty R.I.P.

Kathleen's funeral will be here on Monday the 23rd December at 9.30am. Followed by burial at Nunhead cemetery at 11am and a reception here in the hall. Your help would be appreciated.

## Christmas

*Anybody in need, who would like a Christmas hamper, or who is on their own on Christmas Day and would like to share Christmas lunch, please let Fr Jack know.*



## School Nativity Play

7pm this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. All very welcome.

## Christmas Masses

**Tuesday 24th** 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
11.30pm Carol Service.  
12.00 Midnight Mass.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day.**  
**ONE MASS AT 10.00AM.**

*Today's Gospel frightens me. And it must challenge any church goer.*

*Jesus reply to John's disciples had to be in such a way that John would have no doubt about the genuineness of his messianic activity, and the message he sent back to John was about the blind receiving their sight, the lame walking, the lepers being cleansed, the deaf hearing, the dead being raised, and the poor having good news brought to them. He did not say a word about people praying more or going to the synagogue or making God the centre of their lives: the age of the messiah, as expressed in this report, does not concern "religion" in the traditional sense of the word.*

*One knows that the messiah has come because a real change has taken place in society, a change that involves the liberation of those who have always been cut off from the "main branch" of society. We can turn the statement around to say that if the marginalised of society do not experience liberation, then Jesus is not the messiah.*

*But Jesus is the messiah, and so the dead have come to life: those who have been unable to 'live' in a society that has written them off, are now alive with hope. The Gospel has truly been a leaven of liberty and progress in human history, even in its temporal sphere, and always proves itself a leaven of brotherhood, of unity, and of peace. Therefore, not without cause is Christ hailed by the faithful as 'the expected of the nations, and their Saviour.*

*Vatican II, Decree on Missionary Activity. Your comments and suggestions on the above would be appreciated.*



**If you have no charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.**