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Sunday 13th December 2020 - Year B Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 11.00am-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.00pm

This Weeks Mass Times

Saturday 12th December (Vigil)	6.15pm	Mackenzie (Birthday)	
Sunday 13th December	7.00am	People of the Parish	
	8.00am	Sanford (Thanksgiving)	
	9.00am	Grace Maria Fernandes (Thanksgiving)	
	10.00am	Jesus Gonsalves (RIP)	
	11.00am	Salvador Rodrigues (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Paddy Reape (RIP)	
Monday 14th December	8.00am	Antonio Batista De Souza (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>
	5.45pm	Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 15th December	8.00am	Anthony Rebello (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
	5.45pm	Sebastiao Teles (RIP)(Ann)	
Wednesday 16th December	8.00am	Elroy Monteiro & Loretty Vales (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
	5.45pm	Domingos (Thanksgiving)	
Thursday 17th December	8.00am	Braganca Family (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday of Advent II</i>
	5.45pm	Neil Smith (RIP)	<i>(O Sapientia)</i>
Friday 18th December	8.00am	Benefactors of the Parish	<i>Weekday of Advent II (O Adonai)</i>
	5.45pm	Jan Wilbrandt (RIP)	
Saturday 19th December	8.00am	Aveley Mary Vales(Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday of Advent II</i>
	6.15pm	Pylon & Valerie Pires (Wedd Ann)	<i>(O Radix)</i>

NOTICES

2020 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

24th December:

4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm, 9.00pm & 10.30pm

25th December:

7.00am, 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am & 11.00am

All tickets have been allocated.

You will need to arrive at the latest 15 minutes before Mass begins so tickets can be checked.

WE NEED HELP stewarding the Christmas Masses, (especially 25/12/20 at 8.00am & 9am) could you please email Canon John or Fr Thomas and let them know which Masses you are available to steward at. Many thanks for your help.

PLEASE follow the link for the video of Bishop Declan's Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday of Advent

2020 <https://vimeo.com/483625647>

ANNUAL BIG SLEEPOUT Please help Sr Mary raise money to support the homeless for Christmas.

Please follow the link to show your support and make a donation. Thank you.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/threshold-housing-link?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

SWINDON MARRIAGE CARE: For information or to book for marriage preparation click this [link](#)

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE are consulting on their admission arrangements. Details can be found on the admissions page of the College website. All feedback is welcome and can be sent to mferris@stjosephscollege.net by Friday 29 January 2021.

CLIFTON DIOCESE are seeking new member(s) for the Diocesan Investment Committee. Please click the link below the newsletter page for more information.

REFLECTION

Rejoice! Today, 'Gaudate' Sunday is a call to rejoice! The word 'Gaudate' means rejoice but can we rejoice? We may not feel that we can. We may be weighed down with sadness, weariness, simple tiredness at the end of this particular year. Yet, as Christians, we have been given the mantle of proclaiming 'glad tidings' to those beaten down by life, to be what we have been anointed to be in baptism, 'priest, prophet and king', to be the light that Christ brings to the world. How do we do this when we, ourselves, may be feeling ragged and disorientated? By holding fast to the hope we have been given, a hope which enables us to cut through the darkness and see the light ahead. There will be light – there is always light. Though it may seem as if the clouds are heavy and low, the sun has an amazing capacity to break through, when we least expect it. Hope is like the sun, it can warm, give light and bring life to those who feel as if there is no reason to hope. We rejoice because we have hope. It's for us to share that hope wherever we find ourselves.



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