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Sunday 20th December 2020 - Year B Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 19th December (Vigil)	6.15pm	Pylon & Valerie Pires (Wedd Ann)	
Sunday 20th December	7.00am	People of the Parish	
	8.00am	Faith Monteiro (2 nd Birthday)	
	9.00am	Paul (Thanksgiving)	
	10.00am	Daphne Afonso (RIP) (4 th Ann)	
	11.00am	Frank Freeman (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mother Mary (Thanksgiving)	
Monday 21st December	8.00am	John H (Good Health)	<i>Weekday of Advent II (O Oriens)</i>
	5.45pm	Santiago & Maria Fernandes (RIP)	
Tuesday 22nd December	8.00am	Joao Jose Do'Rosario (RIP)(1 st Ann)	<i>Weekday of Advent II</i>
	5.45pm	Antonio Batista DeSouza (RIP)	<i>(O Rex Gentium)</i>
Wednesday 23rd December	8.00am	Deceased Martins & Gomes Family	<i>Weekday of Advent II</i>
	5.45pm	Tony O'Callaghan (RIP)	<i>(O Emmanuel)</i>
Thursday 24th December	8.00am	Roman & Romauld Pawlaczek (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Advent II</i>
Thursday 24th December	4.30pm	Bernard O'Neill (RIP)	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
	6.00pm	Deceased Antoca Joaquina Pires (Family Tree)	
	7.30pm	Conceiao Afonso (RIP)(3rd Ann)	
	9.00pm	Francisco DeSouza (RIP)	
	10.30pm	People of the Parish	
Friday 25th December	7.00am	Deceased residence of Kings Court Care Home	
	8.00am	Redmond Welch (RIP)	
	9.00am	Noel Pereira (Birthday)	
	10.00am	Jack & Giselle (Wedd Ann)	
	11.00am	Valanky Gonsalves (Birthday)	
Saturday 26th December	10.00am	Dillon Fernandes (Birthday)	<i>Feast of St Stephen</i>

CANON JOHN & FATHER THOMAS
Wish you all a very Happy & Holy
Christmas.

Christ is born for us!
Come, let us adore him, alleluia!



NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Main Collection **£2073.**

Green Envelopes **£527**

Thank you for your generosity.

NO CONFESSIONS or 6.15pm MASS on
Saturday 26/12/20.

WE NEED HELP stewarding the Christmas Mass
on 25/12/20 at 10.00am. Could you please email
Canon John or Fr Thomas and let them know if
you are available to help.

CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE:

All Masses are fully booked.

You will need to bring a printed copy of your
ticket or show your e-ticket on the door of the
church before being admitted. If an order has
been made for more than one ticket you will all
need to arrive together.

CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Marys Church,
Tovey Road, are now full.

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

YOUTH 2000 would like to invite you to NEW,
our annual New Year's retreat. Due to
current restrictions, NEW will run online on
2nd-3rd January 2021.

We see NEWonline as a great opportunity to kick
off 2021 in the best way possible, centred on Jesus
Christ and in community. You can expect:

1. An experience where you can meet
like-minded young people and grow in
fellowship.
2. Inspirational talks from great Catholic speakers
3. Live Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry and
Adoration.
4. Holy Mass and Rosary.

To join us on the retreat, register here:

<https://youth2000.churchsuite.co.uk/events/dzux5fdr>

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am & 11.00am

Please follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-years-day-masses-tickets-132518375027>

to book your ticket for your chosen

New Year's Day Mass.

REFLECTION

In a painting of the Annunciation by Henry
Ossawa Tanner there is no angel evident. Instead,
Mary's gaze is fixed on a tall, thin pillar of white
cloud at the end of her bed. She is attentive and
focused as if something is stirring within her and
she is discerning what this might be. Advent is
such a time for all of us – to be attentive to the
stirrings in our own hearts. Being attentive in
what is generally a very busy time, is not easy.
However, given the pandemic, perhaps this year
our focus could be a little different. Perhaps this
year is an opportunity to be more attentive to the
things which really need our attention. What are
those things? Can we pause and listen to God
inviting us into a deeper relationship with him?
Is it possible we are being asked to give new life
to something special and can we respond to that
invitation as Mary did, with that enormous 'Yes'?

