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Sunday 3rd January 2021 - Year B Second Sunday of Christmas

Confessions

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

Saturday 2 nd January (Vigil Mass) 6.15pm	B.Nardini (RIP)	
Sunday 3 rd January	7.00am	People of the Parish
	8.00am	Vicente & Julia DeSouza (Thanksgiving)
	9.00am	Jose & Luizinha (Thanksgiving)
	10.00am	Andrea Milea
	11.00am	Cyril Freeman (Thanksgiving)
	5.30pm	Aureliano & Filomena Rodrigues (RIP)
Monday 4 th January	8.00am	Persecuted Christians <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
	5.45pm	Veronica & Sophia (Peaceful 2021)
Tuesday 5 th January	8.00am	World Peace (Central African Rep) <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
	5.45pm	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 6 th January	8.00am	Thanksgiving <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>
	5.45pm	Rev.Mon Janusz Tworek (71 st Birthday)
Thursday 7 th January	8.00am	Nora O'Connor (Intention) <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>
	5.45pm	Francisco Rodrigues & Pasquina Cunha (RIP)
Friday 8 th January	8.00am	Benefactors of the Parish <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>
	5.45pm	Susan (Peace of Body & Mind)
Saturday 9 th January	8.00am	Those suffering from addiction <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>
	6.15pm	Deceased Dias Family



NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Main Collection £1620

Green Envelopes £90

Thank you for your generosity.

CANON JOHN AND FATHER

THOMAS thank all parishioners for their very generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts. Wishing you all a very peaceful New Year!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Parents Meeting on the 16th January 2021 has unfortunately had to be **cancelled** due to Tier 4 restrictions. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more updates.

The First Holy Communion team are in need of more helpers. If you are able to help prepare candidates for First Holy Communion, please contact Kasia

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REFLECTION

Friends, today's Gospel comes to its climax with the magnificent phrase: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

The gnostic temptation has tugged at the Church, on and off, for nearly the past two thousand years. This is the suggestion, common to all forms of puritanism, that the spiritual is attained through a negation of the material. But authentic Christianity, inspired by this stunning claim of St. John, has consistently held off gnosticism, for it knows that the Word of God took to himself a human nature and thereby elevated all of matter and made it a sacrament of the divine presence.

The Greek phrase behind "made his dwelling among us" can be translated more literally as "tabernacled among us" or "pitched his tent among us." No Jew of John's time would have missed the wonderful connection implied between Jesus and the temple. According to the book of Exodus, the ark of the covenant—the embodiment of Yahweh's presence—was originally housed in a tent or tabernacle. The evangelist is telling us that now, in the flesh of Jesus, Yahweh has established his definitive tabernacle among us.

Bishop Robert Barron

