

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Morning Prayer - 9.45am (First week of Advent)

Sunday 3rd December

6.00pm (*Vigil*)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00 noon

NO 5.30PM MASS

First Sunday of Advent

Margaret Fuller RIP

For all Parishioners

Robert Wolczynski RIP

Mass in Italian

Monday 4th December

10.00am

Weekday in Advent

Julie Haig RIP

Tuesday 5th December

7.00am

10.00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT until 11.00am

7.30pm

Weekday in Advent

Kathleen Chandler RIP

Arkadiusz Ziemak

Taizé Evening

Wednesday 6th December

10.00am

12 noon

Weekday in Advent

Francisca Unegbu RIP

Grandparents' Mass

Thursday 7th December

10.00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT until 11.00am

St Ambrose

Kathleen Chandler RIP

Friday 8th December

10.00am

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Margaret Blacton RIP

Saturday 9th December

10.00am

6.00pm (*Vigil*)

8.30pm

Weekday in Advent

Mary Hurley RIP

Bridget Howard (ill)

Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 10th December

6.00pm (*Vigil*)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00 noon

1.30pm

4.00pm

5.30pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Bridget Howard (ill)

Teresa Saunders RIP

Michael Caplis RIP

Mass in Italian

Baptisms

Vespers

For all Parishioners

Readings: Cycle A for Sundays & Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10.45am (for as long as necessary)
and after 6.00pm Mass *or by appointment.*

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ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd December 2017 First Sunday of Advent

PLEASE NOTE - NO 5.30pm Mass this Sunday, (3rd). Woking Hospice 'Light Up A Life' Service at 6.30pm.

Christmas Fair - The final total this year, so far, is £6828.23 to be shared between The YORK ROAD PROJECT and GASP. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved, especially Jackie Clements and Lara Pereira and their team.

Photos from the Christmas Fair are in albums on the table near the screen in the narthex. If you or your children feature, please take them and give a donation to CAFOD. The photographs will be on display for two weeks only.

ADVENT

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

SUNG EVENING PRAYER (Vespers) next Sunday (10th) at 4.00pm.

7.00AM MASS this Tuesday, 5th December. A light breakfast to follow to see you on your way to work!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Caterina Perri RIP and Ernest Smith RIP.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

There will be a Foodbank Collection this weekend (2nd/3rd December) of non-perishable foodstuffs. All donations gratefully accepted.

URGENT - YOUR FUTURE

Please take a statement about Bishop Richard's Review of the Diocese (and parishes). He invites everyone to have their say on the future of our diocese and parish. VERY IMPORTANT. The statements are on a table in the narthex.

Parish Christmas Delivery

Cards for delivery to all known addresses of people in the Parish will be ready for collection by Road Wardens next weekend (9th/10th December). We have some vacant areas if you could deliver in:

- Station Approach area; Dorchester Court and that end of Oriental Road;
- Walton Court, Maybury Road;
- Martinsyde, Linkway.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially for those whose names are on the prayerboard.

CAFOD Christmas Cards and Traidcraft Goods will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, 2/3rd December. Last chance before Christmas.

Come and join us prepare for Christmas ...
TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE of music and prayer this Tuesday 5th December, 7.30pm for about an hour, followed by refreshments.

St Dunstan's School Admissions
Fr Frank, Fr Peter (and we hope Fr Elio will join us) will be available to sign forms at the following times:
Tuesday 5th December; 5-6.30pm;
Monday 11th December; 5-7pm;
Tuesday 12th December; 5-7pm.

Grandparents' Group
All grandparents and honorary grandparents are invited to our December meeting this Wednesday 6th December, which will be Mass at 12 noon, followed by a 'Bring and Share' buffet lunch in the function room, to which grandparents from Knaphill and West Byfleet have been invited.
Any enquiries call Sue 01483 714741.

Congratulations to our Parish Altar Servers
Nicholas Ferro, Ranvi Wadivkar, Augustine Kaitharath, Fayne Vaz, Kathleen D'Costa who received from Canon Frank and Fr Peter their Medals and Certificates of Enrolment into the Servers' Guild.

SVP
Margaret Turner has decided to step down after nearly three years as President. We offer our thanks for her sincere endeavour in the role. Tony Sims will be taking her place.

Advent "Posada"
Last few dates available
If you would like to participate in "Posada" during Advent, please fill in the form in the Narthex today. Posada means "inn" in Spanish and you are invited to receive Mary, Joseph and Jesus into your home for one night during Advent in the form of a (very small) crib set. The following day/evening you take the crib to another home (or someone takes it for you). With a little prayer and celebration as the crib is welcomed in to our homes this is a lovely way to do something special to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Christmas Day Nativity Tableau and Bidding Prayers at the 9.00am Mass
The Nativity Tableau is a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages in our parish to take part in the Mass during the reading of the Gospel on Christmas Day. We are also hoping to have some children read the bidding prayers.
If your child would like to take part in either the Tableau or read a bidding prayer please attend the rehearsal at the Church on WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER after school finishes at 1.15pm. Please bring your own Angel/ Shepherd costume or we can supply one. Any questions or would like to assist in helping with the Tableau please get in touch. Donna & Ed Hunt
donnaandedward@gmail.com
or 07956 209942.

A huge THANK YOU ...
... to all the wonderful young people (and their parents) who ran the Youth Stall at the Parish Christmas Fair for me. All those 20ps added up to a massive profit of £50!!!! Well done and please come back again next year!
Liz MacIntyre

MISSIO - Thank you to St Dunstan's parishioners for the recent collection of £612.00 on World Mission Sunday. "Thank you for your gift and for holding South Sudan in your prayers during this important time for the Church."
Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director

Thank You ...
for last Sunday's Offertory collection of £3,478.00 (*the cash offertory plus the average of the standing orders*) and £690.60 for YORK ROAD PROJECT and GASP MOTOR PROJECT.
This weekend ...
the retiring collection will be for WOKING LIONS. This collection will support them in the work they do for the local poor particularly for Christmas.
Next weekend ...
the retiring collection will be for FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS.

MASS READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY
3rd December 2017
Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
This reading from Isaiah should be read as a prayer in the vein of the lament psalms. There are acknowledgements of human fault and sinfulness that have left the people 'like withered leaves in the wind' – but there is a greater sense of the mercy of God, who will act dramatically to restore his people, even to the extent of tearing open the heavens.
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
The thanksgiving at the beginning is a set piece of the Pauline letter and normally gives a hint of some of the key issues to be addressed in the letter. Here Paul gives thanks for the graces that have enriched this community, particularly in the gift of good teachers and leaders. Yet these very leaders have also been the source of divisions, so Paul changes the perspective from one of narrow focus on the giftedness of certain leaders to the need for us all to prepare for the coming of Christ.
Mark 13:33-37
A question that governs the entirety of this chapter: what will be the sign that all is about to be accomplished? (13:4). There is no code or specific portent. Instead, Christ offers some reflections on human realities that happen in the course of history, from persecutions to natural disasters to false interpretations of these events. For believers, waiting for specific signs is a fool's game. Christ exhorts his people rather to an attitude of vigilance and reflection, to discover how the Master might be returning to his house in ways missed by a sleeping watchman. Being caught up in reading patterns and codes will mislead some people, but Christ asks that his followers might not so much adopt a fearful suspicion, but rather that they learn to live with an attentiveness as to how Christ might be present to his people.
Readings Next Weekend: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1: 1-8
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