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**Newsletter for the week commencing 20th December 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

**Also included are the Mass times for the week commencing 27th December 2020**

**Entrance antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

**First Reading: Samuel 7: 1-5; 8-12; 14, 16**

**Psalm 88 Response: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 16: 25-27**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38**

**Communion antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

The entrance antiphon for the fourth Sunday of Advent captures the sense of anticipation and joyful expectancy that we all feel as we approach Christmas Day.

**Ant. ad introitum**

**Is 45,8**Roráte, cæli, désuper, et nubes pluant iustum;

aperiátur terra et gérminet Salvatórem.

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 45:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens,

and let the clouds rain down the Just One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.



In the midst of what has been a difficult year for everyone we have the consolation of knowing that our faith in Jesus will get us through all the challenges we face.

 I’d like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your cards and gifts, it’s much appreciated.

Best wishes

Father Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**: Jo Venables RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Maggie Urquhart, Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Alex Karras, Norah Wrigley, Joan Gray, Mary Hounsell, Joanna Powell, Mary Stevenson, Rosina Cordell, Richard Diedo and Liz Goodwin.

Please pray for Maggie Urquhart who is in the William Harvey Hospital.

**This week’s services (20th – 27th December) until social distancing is relaxed:**

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| **Mass will be held daily at 10am except on Wednesday when there will be****a Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 10am** |
| **Feasts during the week** |
| Sunday 20th December 10am Mass12 midday Latin Mass | **Fourth Sunday of Advent***People of the Parish* | Thursday 24th DecemberFirst Mass of Christmas **6pm**Mass during the Night **9pm** | Feria |
| Monday 21st December 10am Mass | Feria | Friday 25th DecemberMass during the Day **10am** Latin Mass **12 midday** | **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** |
| Tuesday 22nd December10am Mass | Feria | Saturday 26th December10am Mass | St Stephen, the first Martyr*Sue Goodman RIP (1st anniversary) - Jolyon* |
| Wednesday 23rd December10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Feria | Sunday 27th December10am Mass | **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH** |
| **Flowers for Sunday 27th December** | **Hilary Edwards** |

There is a **second collection this weekend** for the Apostleship of the Sea Social Media.

Please remember that all the offerings at the Christmas Masses are your personal gift to the parish priest. If you are a Gift Aider do use your numbered envelope and, if donating by cheques, please make it payable to ‘St Andrew’s Church’

Fr Behr will be on a post-Christmas break from late on Sunday 27th December 2020 to the morning of Saturday 2nd January 2021. Deacon Jolyon will be available at home on 01580 766449.

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| **Mass times for the week beginning 28th December 2020 until 2nd January 2021** |
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| Sunday 27th December10am  | **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH** | Thursday 31st December**NO MASS** | Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| Monday 28th December10am Mass. Fr John to celebrate | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs | Friday 1st January10 am Mass. Fr John to celebrate | Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| Tuesday 29th December**NO MASS** | St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr | Saturday 2nd January10 am Mass | Feria |
| Wednesday 30th December10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | Sunday 3rd January10am Mass12 midday Latin Mass | Feria |

Wishing everyone a holy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.