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## Newsletter for the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

**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:** Isaiah 7: 10-14

**Psalm 23 Response:** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

**Second Reading:** The letter of St Paul to the Romans 1: 1-7

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-25

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

**Father Behr writes:**

#### Mine Pies and Refreshments

David and Liz Green have kindly offered to provide mince pies and refreshments after the 9pm Christmas Mass. I think it is a great idea. If you can come and bring something to share that would make it work well. For a rough idea of numbers let me know if you plan to come.

8.45pm Carols, 9pm Mass followed by mince pies and refreshments.

#### Extra Times for Confession

Just a few short days to the great celebration of Our Lord's birthday so we have a few extra opportunities to go to Confession.

Wednesday morning 21 December during Adoration from 9am to 9.50am

Friday morning 23 December during Adoration from 10.30am till 11am

Saturday morning Christmas Eve from 10.30am till 11am.

**St John Paul II.** "Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."

#### Christmas Offering

The collection at Christmas is your personal gift to your parish priest.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland, Pat Sargent and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Anthony Michael Whatley, Alan James Dorey, Margaret Mary Urquhart, Alex Karras, Norah Wrigley, Joan Gray, Mary Hounsell, Joanna Powell, Edward Albert Turner, Mary Stevenson, Rosina Cordell and Richard Diedo.

This week's services (17 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> December), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Daniel Horler RIP      Reader: Pat
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	10am Mass People of the Parish      Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	10am Mass Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	No Mass but there will be a 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	9am-10am Adoration 10am Mass Ayesha James RIP
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	10am Mass Guy Michael Masterson (Bridget)

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	10am Mass Sanctity of Human Life 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent	10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Mass Our Lady Queen of Peace      Reader: Pat 8.45pm Carols 9pm    Mass of Christmas Night People of the Parish Reader: <b>James</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	10am Mass Roy Sturdy RIP <b>Reader: Peter</b> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass Private Intention
<b>Flowers: for 24<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE – all hands on deck please!</b>	
<b>Readers: for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm – 9pm - James/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Peter</b>	

#### **Confession**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

#### **Mass Times for Christmas at St Andrew**

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Saturday 24 December 6pm

First Mass of Christmas Saturday 24 December 9pm with Carols at 8.45pm

Morning Mass of Christmas Day 25 December 10am with Carols during Mass

Traditional Latin Mass of Christmas Day 25 December 12pm

**Saturday 17th December – pre-Christmas spit and polish – From 9am.** Rachel and Martin and members of the Church Cleaning team are aiming to give the Church a pre-Christmas mega-clean. If you can assist, please let them know.

**Town Christmas Carol Service** Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm at St Mildred's.