

St. Gregory's Newsletter Fourth Sunday of Advent (pg 90) 20 December 2015

Today we light the fourth Advent candle – Hope, Love, Joy, and today PEACE. Peace in our lives and peace in the world... .

This afternoon (at 3.00pm) we will celebrate a service of Reconciliation. An opportunity for all of us to make our Christmas confession. John the Baptist invites us all to repent – to change our lives. If you have relatives and friends who have drifted from the Church, this is a wonderful way to invite them “to come home for Christmas”.

Sunday 20th December

9:30 am Valerie Bretherton
11:00am Harry & Monica Turner
6:30 pm Patricia & George Walker

Weekday Masses from 21st Dec

Mon 8:30am Fr. J. Smith
Tue 8:30am Mary Fenna (LD)
Wed 8:30am John Gray
Thur 8:30am Katie Walsh
Fri Christmas Day
Sat 11:00am Frank Smith

Weekday Masses from 28th Dec

Mon 10am One Sick
Tue 10am Ken Wareing (A)
Wed 10am Maureen Clucas (A)
Thur 10am Michael & Katie Walsh
Fri 10am Monica Morgan
Sat 10am The Sick in the Parish

Sunday 27th December

9:30 am Joe Robinson & Cyril Iddon (A)
11:00am Margaret Dillon (LD)
6:30 pm Frank Smith

The Masses on Christmas Day are offered for our families and all our parishioners.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley · Roland Anderton

Please remember Doreen Bibby (82) who was buried on Friday. Doreen was a faithful member of the Sunday 'dial-a-ride' congregation! May she rest in peace.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Victoria Barker and wish her and her family every blessing – our fifty fifth baptism this year! (I got it wrong last week!!!)

A new Crib

The Crib figures which we used for the outside Crib have finally disintegrated after many repairs. So, we have bought a new set for the church, using the former set for the roadside Crib. Joan Smith has kindly paid for the new figures in memory of Frank, her husband, – please remember him when you say a prayer at the Crib.

Christmas Day

A reminder: first Mass at 8.00pm on Christmas Eve with carols at 7.30pm. Morning Masses on Christmas Day are at 9:30am and 11:00am. The first morning Mass is for the children..... for families rather. I know there has been a constant demand on you to provide presents for organisations at Christmas, but will you ask your children to bring a small gift for the Crib (pound shop only!) – if you forget don't worry – we will have some spare ones here they can bring up to the Crib. It's the “symbolism”!! We will send the gifts to Romania.... only because these people are a very small charity who actually take whatever they get out to an orphanage there themselves... there's no “middle men” in the operation! It does go direct into the hands of the children there.

Boxing Day

Mass is at 11:00am for the feast of St. Stephen, the patron of altar servers. On 'Stephen's-Day' we celebrate our splendid team of altar servers..... and recognise their “ministry”. Thank you – all of you.

Offertory Collection

Thank you for last week's offering of £883. Please note that there are no special envelopes for Christmas Day – please use one of the spares at the back of the box – or an ordinary envelope adding your Gift Aid number.

Youth Group

The Youth Group welcome all our younger children (7 – 11yrs) for a party in the House after the 11:00am Mass today. There will be games, fun, food ... for an hour. Younger children are welcome, but they need an adult with them to get in!

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters: (21st December) John and Mary Mark

Rotas: (Sunday, 27th December, Feast of the Holy Family)

S.A.S: Margaret Scard

Readers: Angela McLeod

Ministers: Linda Walmsley

Christine Crossen

Dial a Ride: Taxi

Nora Ball

Edward Brierley

Margaret Scard

Kevin Masterson

Norma Gillett

Anthony Hooson

Counters: (28th December) Denise and Bruce Conway

Rotas: (Sunday, 3rd January, Feast of the Epiphany 2016)

S.A.S: Janet Critchley

Readers: Bill Hogan

Ministers: Clare Meredith

Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride: Tommy McGuigan

Pauline Critchley

Linda Walmsley

Catherine Todd

David Chadwick

Paul Thompson

Alex Duxbury

Christine Crossen