

NEWS LETTER

22nd December 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

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Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

GOD IS WITH US!

God our Father sent his only Son to be born on earth of human stock. His name is Jesus and his mother's name is Mary, He is the Saviour of all the world, and through him we are called to holiness of life.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 21 st	6.30 ^{pm} †	Jewel Cole RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 22 nd	9.30 ^{am} †	Thanksgiving for the wellbeing of Marie-France	Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am} †	Christine & Carl Burrows RIP	Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers
Mon 23 rd	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Errol Serpis RIP <i>Rosary</i>	
Tue 24 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Sheila & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP <i>Rosary</i>	Christmas Eve
	6.30 ^{pm} †	Vigil Mass - Welfare of Andrea Leigh	The Season of Christmas
	11.30 ^{pm} †	Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass The Desist family: Alojzy Stankiewicz, Genevieve Holland, Irena Barclay, Janina Balcewicz.	
Wed 25 th	10.30 ^{am} † †	Christmas Morning Mass: Esther Nowak RIP	The Nativity of the Lord Holyday of Obligation
Thu 26 th	11.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	11.00 ^{am} †	Steve Florence RIP <i>Rosary</i>	S ^t : † Stephen
Fri 27 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Paul McCarthy RIP <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>	S ^t : † John
Sat 28 th	9.00 ^{am}	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	People of the Parish	The Holy Innocents
	6.30 ^{pm} †	Miguel Sanchez RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 29 th	9.30 ^{am} †	Holy Souls	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (A)
	11.00 ^{am} †	Michael Burke RIP	S ^t : Thomas of Canterbury

Please note the parish secretary will be away from:

Midday on 24th December 2019, and will return 9am on Monday 13th January 2020.**Parish Priest**
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07930 889632**Parking:** Do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, and those dropping people off.
Children: During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.

PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our "Prayers for Wellbeing", and "Prayers of Remembrance" books are at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

Confession times are: Monday - Friday: 9am, Saturday: 9am & 6pm, Sunday: 9am, and by appointment.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU

LAST WEEK

£334 Not Gift Aided
£273 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided
£276 Parish Development Fund

THIS WEEK: KSC Charities

NEXT WEEK: Parish Development Fund

DONATIONS

GIFT AID	UK tax payers increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Forms are available at the back of the Church or via our website.	CHEQUE	Place your cheque, made payable to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
STANDING ORDER (Preferred Method)	Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM Sort Code: 60-21-12 A/c No: 37298445	CASH	Offertory Collection at Mass.

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THE COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese.

An envelope is attached to this newsletter for donations, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS St Philip Neri, Sydenham".

If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Christmas Offering envelope. Do not use the envelopes attached to the newsletter, as we will not be able to Gift Aid your donation.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of this parish to donate money for the flowers and decorations of the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'. The Mass on Sunday 26th January at 9.30am will be offered for them. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' – writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox.

Thank you.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 11th Jan 2020 at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Six: Baptism.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 12th Jan 2020 at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 5: Glory to God in the highest.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

We are delighted to confirm that the Kilkennys, Ireland's exciting young folk and ballad group, will be playing in the club on Saturday 8th February 2020 from 9.30-11.30^{pm}. Tickets £20 (Please note this is a ticket only event). Tickets are now on sale in the club, don't miss out on this great night!

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH

We will be decorating the Church on **Monday 23rd December** starting at 7^{pm}. Anyone from the parish is welcome to join us.

ALTAR SERVERS - 26TH DECEMBER MASS, 11^{AM}

A reminder to all altar servers & their families, that we celebrate being part of the Guild of St. Stephen by attending Mass on St. Stephen's feast day. Thank you.

200 CLUB

The winner of the December £75 prize is Rosemary Webb(19) and the £50 Christmas Bonus goes to Rudy Cooper(34). Congratulations.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

Please see the poster on the blue board in Church for more information on this campaign. Ways to make a donation to this campaign this Christmas, are by telephone: 0207 960 2504, web: www.justgiving.com/rcdioceseofsouthwark or post.

PARISH NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - 8.30^{PM} TO 1^{AM}

This is a ticket entry only party, open to all parishioners. Admission is free, but please bring your own food & drink. Music will be provided. One ticket needed per person, adult or child. Contact Paula on 0776 153 0739 for info and tickets.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

I'm looking for someone to help me in daily activities whilst I return to strength after an illness. I live in Forest Hill. I require a kindly helper able to help me in food preparation, light housework, and accompanying me on short walks. I'm need someone able to offer 2-3 hours over the weekend ,and fill in for odd days during the week. Rate of pay £9/hr. Reliability paramount. For more information: jayfly219@gmail.com