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Parish & School News 1st - 8th December 2019

Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth.

JESSE TREE



Until Christmas, the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. You may like to tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer.

The governing board of St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for the academic year 2021-22. These draft admissions arrangements, with the changes highlighted, are on the school's website: st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk or a copy is available, on request, from the school. In accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code of Practice (2014), these proposed changes require a six-week consultation period. Accordingly, this consultation will run from Friday 8 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019.

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

Collection details: Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support: our collections on last week raised: £1306 for the charitable work of the Parish, £261 for Youth Sunday and a further £490 towards the cost of the security fund which brings us to an amazing £3.2K towards our £3.5K budget - THANK YOU for your tremendous support!** These sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.

Calling all 'Santa's Little Helpers' for our Christmas Fair on Sunday 15 December from 10.30 am to 2 pm

I am very conscious that our day falls so soon after the school fair but would like to thank all the volunteers and supporters of both events in trying to help our community. Please email Lucy or Jennie at lmuentes@talk21.com or jennie.unsworth@mac.com if you can help in preparation, helping on the day or in clearing up after the Fair. **Baskets are available at the Lady Altar for donations of Bric-a-Brac and unopened toiletries or gifts that can be sold on the day. The baskets will be emptied after each Mass so they are not left unattended for long, thank you.**

Please note: there is no exposition or benediction this Friday 6 Dec. to allow for a Nursery celebration.

Calling all parents who have applied for next year's First Holy Communion programme: if you missed the first meeting on 6 November, **please remember** that at least one parent should attend the preparation meeting on **Wednesday 4 December at 8pm in the Church Hall.**

Thank you to the range of volunteers who were able to support the Pro-Life Coffee Morning last Tuesday which raised the wonderful figure of nearly £400.

Gift Aid Requests: thank you to the Webb, Martin, Garvey, Parlotti and Fernandes families who recently requested Gift Aid envelopes: please see Fr Adrian after Mass to collect these as they are ready. Thank you.

Altar Servers rota

This weekend → Sunday 01st Dec. Team 1
Sunday 08th Dec. Team 2 Sunday 15th Dec. Team 1
Sunday 22nd Dec. Team 2 **Please ask parents if you can serve at our Christmas Masses** Sunday 29th Dec. Team 1
Sunday 05th Jan. Team 2 Sunday 12th Jan. Team 1
Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so please ensure that you turn up at least twenty minutes before Mass begins. Please note: as space is limited, a maximum of eight Servers can help on the Sanctuary at a time so that each has a role to play.

Calling all volunteers ... if you currently serve on a rota such a Reader, Extraordinary Minister, Collection Counter or Collection Banker, Flower Arranging, Church Cleaning or Altar Linen Cleaning **please complete one of the 'St Mary Magdalen needs your help' forms** as we need your permission to share details confidentially between Parish members on the new rotas. If you would like to be a new helper in these roles or with the range of help we need over the Fair and Christmas period then please return the form by next Sunday.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers, if you currently serve on a rota it will be renewed soon so please complete the volunteer contact form and email Fr Adrian if you are no longer able to serve. Loretta Prentice has been asked to coordinate the Readers' Rota and we say a fond thank you and farewell to Bec McCarthy who steps down from coordinating the Cleaning rota. If you currently serve as an Extraordinary Minister, Reader or Altar Server and can help over the Christmas period please sign up on the Ministry Sheets in the Sacristy if you can help, thank you.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

1st – 8th December 2019

Sunday 1 st December	9.30am	Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP
Advent 1 Year A (p.82-84)	11.00am	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30pm	Pat O'Hea RIP
Monday 2 nd (Feria)	9.30am	George Hiller RIP
Tuesday 3 rd (St Francis Xavier)	No Mass	NB the Office is closed today
Wednesday 4 th (Feria)	9.30am	Hiller family
Thursday 5 th (Feria)	9.30am	Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
Friday 6 th (Feria)	9.30am	James Prentice
Saturday 7 th (St Ambrose)	9.30am	Alexander Doci
Sunday 8 th December	9.30am	Mira Bebenek RIP
Advent 2 Year A (p.85-88)	11.00am	Joseph Németh & Maria Hluchan
	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family

Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

The sick and house bound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them in our prayers at every Mass.

Please remember all the sick of our Parish, those who care for them and those in any kind of need. **Individual names of the sick can be written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.**

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

Luke 10:20

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Margaret Robertson, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Cairn, and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

The names of those who have died are taken from the Death Register, if you would like to include in prayer an individual whose funeral did not occur here please list their name on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

As we start a new liturgical year at Advent we begin the 'Year of the Word' with a special focus on our personal link with scripture. An Advent booklet for adults and children is available from the Gift Table at the central aisle. These can be available free, but if you would like to contribute to their cost please leave a donation in the 'Newspapers' slot at the column by the front door of the church. Children attending the 9.30 Mass will receive a copy during the Children's Liturgy today.

Red Box Collection for Papal Charity Missio:

thank you to all those who returned their Red Box 'piggy banks' to bring 'change for good' from the money raised. Please remember to collect your new Red Box from the Sacristy or see Fr Adrian if you would like to sign up for the first time.

