

The Catholic Parish of Manor Park St. Stephen & St. Nicholas

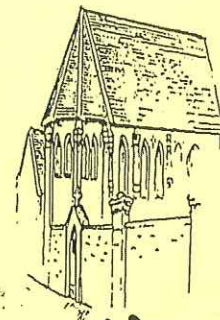


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3rd & 4th Sundays of Advent (Year A) 11 - 24 December 2016

Mass intentions already celebrated but unpublished

Sat 26 Nov	6.00pm	Daphne Barnes RIP (A)
Sun 27 Nov	9.00am	John & Helen Edu RIP
Sat 3 Dec	6.00pm	Sacred Heart of Mary Jubilarian Sisters 2015
Sun 4 Dec	11.00am	Darren Imbert RIP (A)

O come, O come
Immanuel,
God-with-us,
and ransom captive Israel;
set us your people
free from all
that enslaves us.

Please pray for those who are sick:

Masaldo Merry, Margaret Connolly, Norah Crow,
Peggy Campbell, Denzil Lang, Clare O'Toole,
John Oruche, Patrick Berton, Alvina Telles,
Jude Telles, Christine Jones, & Christine Kristen.

Thank you for your generous offerings

13 November: £1,216.69

20 November: £1,285.41

27 November: £1,504.20

4 December: £1,297.48

Services for the weeks beginning 11 & 18 December

Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.

Sat 10	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 11	9.00am 11.00am	Mary Cecilia Khadar RIP Damian Luis RIP
Mon 12	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Tues 13	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Wed 14	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 15	9.15am 9.45am	Eucharistic Service Adoration
Fri 16	9.15am 1.30pm	Eucharistic Service School Nativity
Sat 17	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation May Cranfield RIP
Sun 18	9.00am 11.00am 12.15pm	People of the Parish Loretto Moriarty RIP Baptism
Mon 19	9.15am 3.30pm	Eucharistic Service School Carol Service
Tues 20	9.15am 9.55am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Service Governors' Assembly Reconciliation Service
Wed 21	1.00pm	Requiem - Angela Murphy RIP
Thurs 22	10.00am	Sean & Veronica Hughes (intentions)
Fri 23	10.00am	Damian Luis RIP
Sat 24	7.00pm	Robert Crow RIP (A)
Sun 25	12.00am 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Deceased Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters Fiona Boyce RIP

**Sunday 25 December is the solemnity of the
Birth of Jesus Christ, the Lord**

Rotas for weekend 24/25 December 2016

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
7.00pm 12.00am 9.00am 11.00am	Please check your email and rotas in the porch and sacristy	Please check your email and rotas in the porch and sacristy	Closed for holidays

Prayer Partners.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal last weekend to become a prayer partner to pray each day for one of our children in school. We have reached about halfway to our target of 299 partners. That's a great start but we still have a way to go. Do you come to this church? Do you pray? If the answer is yes then you should be a prayer partner. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church as you leave church today.

Advent Reconciliation Service. You are warmly invited to join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday 20 December at 8.00pm. This is an opportunity to reset ourselves in the company of one another in preparation for a new coming of Christ into our lives this Christmas. You are especially invited to come if you have not been before. If you have I encourage you to invite others to come with you and share the joy of God's love and mercy for each one of us.

Journey of Faith. Please pray for our four adults who have begun the Journey. We will resume our sessions in January.

Children in Church. As you know we are a community that is delighted to have so many children present with us in church when we come to pray. However I must ask parents: if you come late to 11.00am mass please do not send your children forward for the Children's Liturgy once the children have left the church as it is disruptive not least to those who are on time. May I also ask parents for safety's sake to keep your children with you at all times. Please do not allow them to go to the toilet or come forward for a blessing without you. If your child needs the toilet during mass please move around the church as sensitively as possible, and always be aware of what stage of the mass we are at. Thank you for your co-operation.

Over 60s. The December gathering will take place on Wednesday 21 December at 2.00pm in the Community Room. There will be lots of festive fun, a special visitor, and a great singalong, as well as all the usual fabulous refreshments and chat. Everyone warmly welcome!

Children Appeal! On Christmas Eve at 7.00pm we will be holding a special mass for our children to celebrate the birth of Christ. Once again we are asking the children to help us tell the Christmas story by coming dressed up as one of the characters in the story. We had a fantastic donkey last year I remember! Use your imagination and be a star, a wise man, a sheep, Mary, Joseph or...

Please come and join us after 11.00am mass 18 December to decorate the church for Christmas. There will be refreshments and our young people have promised to entertain you!

Stewards of Gospel. Please note that the monthly meeting for December has been postponed and will now take place in January.

We welcome into our parish family Rhianne Lionel - Simpson, Emmanuel Shoge, and Stephanie Anugo who were baptized here in November; and Etido Jimmy and Etiandro Oculatim who were baptized here in December. Congratulations to their parents.

Christmas Church Flowers.

The collection as you leave church next weekend will contribute to the cost of the flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

Please be as generous as you can.

Please pray for Angela Murphy of Woodhouse Road, who died recently. Her requiem mass will take place here on Wednesday 21 December at 1.00pm, followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery. We offer our prayerful sympathy to James and their children at this sad time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.