

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 14th Dec	
6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sun 15th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete' Sunday)
9.00 a.m.	MacNeill family (special intention)
11.00 a.m.	Francis & Clemencia Patros
Mon 16th Dec	Monday of the Third Week of Advent
9.15 a.m.	
Tue 17th Dec	Weekday of Advent – 17 December
9.15 a.m.	
Wed 18th Dec	Weekday of Advent – 18 December
7.00 p.m.	
Thu 19th Dec	Weekday of Advent – 19 December
9.15 a.m.	
Fri 20th Dec	Weekday of Advent – 20 December
9.15 a.m.	
Sat 21st Dec	Weekday of Advent – 21 December
4.30pm-5.30pm	Confessions
6.00 p.m.	David Nicholas Graves RIP
Sun 22nd Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C (Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)
9.00 a.m.	
11.00 a.m.	

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes, Teresa & Patrick Moran.

Offertory 8th December 2024

Envelopes	£225.00
Loose plate	£328.59
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£910.71

Second collections: £15.00



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are halfway through the season of Advent and we pause to reflect on the joy of celebrating the Nativity of the Lord. During this remaining period, it should be a time of reflection and prayer, focusing on our preparation for Christmas Day. This entails meditating on the mercy and compassion of God through his Son, Jesus Christ, and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, Confessions will be available on Saturday 21st December and Monday 23rd December (see times below). May the Good Lord watch over your families at this time of year and bring you together at Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Your brother in Christ.

Fr Tony.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday 21st December 4.30-5.30pm, before 6pm Mass, and on Monday 23rd December 10-11am, after 9.15am Mass, and 6-7pm on the same Monday evening.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS: There are Christmas posters available at the back of the church to put up in your windows. It is a way of proclaiming to the world that the Nativity of the Lord is not just about festive celebrations but that our Saviour came into this world for our salvation. One poster per family, but you may take one for other members of your family who don't live with you.

NOTICES OF MASS TIMES & SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS:

Mass times and services will be in next Sunday's newsletter to cover 2 weeks. There will only be one newsletter with the Mass times and services, as well as the Mass intentions, for the 2 weeks.

NEWSLETTERS: There will be only one Newsletter next Sunday but there will be an attachment inserted of the Mass times and Intentions for the following week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We are trying to start the SVP again and so we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the SVP, then contact Martina or myself.

VOLUNTEERS: I am still looking for volunteers for a **Maintenance Team, a Sacristan for the week, Eucharistic Ministers** to bring Communion to the sick, Young Readers, Catechists, and new members for the Parish Council.

FLOWERS: We will have a collection after Masses for the flowers for the church over the coming weeks to decorate the church for Christmas.

BUILDING FUND: There are envelopes at the back of the church for the Building Fund. This money will be used for the "little" jobs that need to be done immediately around the church to bring it up to a reasonable standard, like heating, electrical sockets, and general maintenance. We are still waiting for the sale of St Nicholas but this may take some time. This is why we need the Building Fund for the present to do these vital and immediate works.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: Remember that all the proceeds from the Crib Collection, which we will set up, will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

CARITAS NEWHAM DEANERY: In the coming weeks and months, we are looking for anyone who could volunteer as advisers within the parish on Social, Economic and Housing issues. We are looking to establish a Caritas Newham Deanery who could help with a variety of issues within the parish and Borough. This could include advice for people made homeless or threatened with eviction. Advice about benefits from the DWP. Legal Advice.

OUR CHRISTMAS MARANATHA AT THE SION COMMUNITY, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, is on Thursday 19th December. The evening begins with Mass at 7pm followed by Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Celebrant is Fr Paschal Uche and everyone is very welcome.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:

Please join us on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm lasting about an hour and a quarter in Brentwood Cathedral for our annual SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS.

AWAKE LONDON: A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 21st December 2024 from 11am to 5pm led by Fr Shinoj Francis and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ the King, 455 Chingford Road, London E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

Counters' Rota					
Date	16/12/2024	23/12/2024	30/12/2024	6/1/2025	13/1/2025
Group	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew