

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 30th Nov	
6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish & Asia & Evie Magaoay – well-being and special intention
Sun 1st Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
9.00 a.m.	Joyce (in thanksgiving and special intention)
11.00 a.m.	Seraphino Soares (Foundation Mass)
Mon 2nd Dec	Monday of the First Week of Advent
9.15 a.m.	
Tue 3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier, Pr (Migrants' Day)
9.15 a.m.	Delrose Fernando (RIP)
Wed 4th Dec	Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
7.00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception. Thanksgiving.
Thu 5th Dec	Thursday of the First Week of Advent
9.15 a.m.	
Fri 6th Dec	Friday of the First Week of Advent
9.15 a.m.	No Mass
10.30 am	Requiem Mass for Martin Seaman.
Sat 7th Dec	St Ambrose, Bp, D
4.30-5.30pm	Confessions
6.00 p.m.	Katie Fernandez-Biscette (Thanksgiving); People of the Parish
Sun 8th Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.00 a.m.	A. Josephine Xavier RIP & Joseph Jakaj RIP
11.00 a.m.	Alfred Ojuri & Manickam Fernando RIP.

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 24th November 2024

Envelopes	£187.20
Loose plate	£334.54
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£878.86

Candles: £20.00
 Repository: £595.00
 Second collections:
 World Youth Sunday: £205.89
 Evangeli Gaudium: £7.00



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

C (01.12.2024)

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin Advent this Sunday and our minds and our hearts turn towards the joyful expectation of celebrating the birth of Our Lord. It is also a time for reflection and contemplation on the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation when God became man. Let us spend this time of Advent praying, using the book of prayers for Advent, and preparing ourselves to receive not just the baby Jesus into our hearts but also the Son of God who guides us and teaches us how we are to lead good lives. Advent, therefore, should be a time when we come to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to place all our concerns and shortcomings in the hands of our merciful and compassion God.

May the Good Lord watch over you and your families over Advent.

Your brother in Christ.

Fr Tony

REQUIEM MASS FOR MARTIN SEAMAN: For all those who knew and loved Martin Seaman, his Requiem Mass will be held at St Stephen's church on Friday 6th December 10.30am. Burial takes place at City of London Cemetery at 12.30pm.

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

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Communion to the sick, Young Readers, Catechists, and new members for the Parish Council.

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. This is why we need the Building Fund for the present to do these vital and immediate works.

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING: Second session will be held on Sunday 8th December after the 11.00am Mass. If you attended the previous one on 23rd November 2024 you will not need to come.

IGNITE (WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY): I want to thank the catechists and volunteers who worked hard and gave up their time to organise the Ignite Event. Most of the churches in the deanery were well represented last Saturday and the event was a success. However, we at St Stephen’s church were poorly represented by the low turnout of our young people who attended. For those who did attend, I thank them. It was a missed opportunity by our young Catholics to meet other young Catholics in the deanery and to deepen their faith. I hope and pray the next event will be properly attended by our young people. St Paul says in Romans: **“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.”**

SEASONAL MUSIC AND CAROLS FOR ALL in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 7th December at 4pm with the founder members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. This Concert is to last an hour and will hopefully put us into the Christmas spirit!! Additionally, we would be very grateful at this very busy time of the year if you could tell as many people as possible about this enjoyable Christmas Event. That would be a great help to us! **Admission is free.**

A Christmas message from the staff and trustees of Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society: We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we come to the end of our 40th anniversary year, we would like to thank everyone

who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese over the years. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

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

Canon John Harvey, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral, has asked me to inform you of the following liturgical events which will take place in the Cathedral: **Sunday 1 December, 4 p.m. Inauguration of Advent.**

Sunday 21 December, 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Do note that applications for the Lourdes pilgrimage are now open, and our next Youth Mass will take place next **Thursday 5th December.** For any young people who have shown interest, then please point them towards the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service website www.bcys.net and social media (@brentwoodcys) for more information.

VACANCY: St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, Romford – Headteacher required from September 2025. The school is magnificent, and they are looking for an inspiring leader with great attention to standards of teaching and learning, wonderful pastoral care for the children, and all wrapped in a strong Catholic ethos which infuses every aspect of school life. All the details are on the Diocesan website: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-12-09_St-Peters-Primary-School-Romford_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf. Visits are warmly encouraged, and the deadline for applications is **9th December.**

Counters’ Rota					
Date	2/12/2024	9/12/2024	16/12/2024	23/12/2024	30/12/2024
Group	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark