



ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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PARISH DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

Parish activities are in *italic*

Masses are held at the remaining times

Sun 17 December – Third Sunday of Advent

- 08.30 Raymundo Ramos RIP
10.00 Deceased commended to God by Gillian Lyons
11.15 *Parish tea and coffee in JPC*
12.00 Lionel Cooke RIP
15.00 *Christmas Carol Service*
17.30 People of the parish

Mon 18 December

- 09.30 FM: O'Donoghue family RIP

Tue 19 December

- 09.30 James and Elizabeth Nash RIP
Taraciso and Joyce Mary Omalli, Richard Nyeko and Sharo Aber RIP

Wed 20 December

- 09.30 Thanksgiving on 60th birthday
Eamonn Hayes RIP
19.00 *Adoration and Confession*

Thu 21 December

- 09.30 FM: Elizabeth Franklin RIP
Nora Odoki, Catherine Arit, Mr Amos and Agnes Lakope RIP
19.30 *Charismatic prayer time in JPC*

Fri 22 December

- 09.30 Deceased paternal and maternal members of Nguyen family
Asuncion Trinidad De Aquino RIP

Sat 23 December

- 08.30 *Adoration and Confession*
09.30 Wellbeing and recovery for Dee Charnley
17.00 *Confession*
17.30 People of the parish

Sun 24 December – Christmas Eve

- 08.30 Frank, Molly and Patrick O'Brien RIP
10.00 Deceased commended to God by Patrick O'Leary
12.00 Colman and Kathleen Keane RIP
17.30 Graham Walsh RIP
24.00 People of the parish
Wellbeing of Margaret Russell

Advent and Christmas 2023: the schedule for this year is at the back of the church and on the parish website. We will be hosting a **Christmas Carol Service** on **Sunday 17 December at 15.00**. We welcome all parishioners to come to the JPC after the Christmas for refreshments.

Christmas Crib offerings this year will be for the **Catholic Children's Society**. If you have gifts you would like to donate to locally disadvantaged children, please leave these behind the baptismal font. There is a poster in the porch with a list of all the gifts that they would most welcome. Please note that they will only accept new gifts. We will be collecting these until the 7 January 2024. Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of St Columba Christmas posters are now in the porch. Please take one and read their poster.

Advent Penitential Service with Confessions will take place at 19.00 on Wednesday 20 December. As preparation, please help yourself to the examination of conscience leaflet at the back of the church.

4th Sunday of Advent notice: as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the question has been raised as to whether a Mass on the evening of Christmas Eve should be the Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent or a Vigil Mass of Christmas. To clarify, the Saturday Vigil Mass on 23 December and the morning Masses on Christmas Eve will be a celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent. The celebration of Christmas Day this year will start with the 17.30 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Offering is traditionally a personal gift to the priests of the parish from the offertory on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please use your Gift Aid numbers where possible and write them on the envelopes at the back of the church or use the contactless card machines, where you have the option of adding Gift Aid numbers. Alternatively, you can make a transfer online via the bank details below using Christmas Offering as the reference. Thank you for your kind support.

Parish office is now closed and will reopen on Monday 8 January. For any emergencies, please ring the parish landline on 0208 693 5070.

Please support us where possible. Please donate online through our yellow donate button at the bottom of our website (by card or paypal). There is also an option to set up a monthly standing order. Alternatively, our bank details are St Thomas More Church, NatWest, account 44136757, sort code 60-23-19 or we have contactless card/phone readers in the church.