

Entrance antiphon:

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

Psalm response:

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

The Apostles Creed is on page 8.

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,

that it is a thing unheard of,

that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,

implored your help, or sought your intercession,

and was left forsaken.

Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness,

I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins.

To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.

Despise not my poor words. O Mother of the Word of God,

but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

May He support us all the day long

til the shades lengthen

and the evening comes

and the busy world is hushed

and the fever of life is over

and our work is done.

Then, in His mercy,

may He give us a safe lodging

and a holy rest

and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son,

and she will call him Emmanuel



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017



The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a Virgin named Mary.

Welcome: If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

Thank you for last week's **offertory collection:** Standing orders: **£365**; Non-Gift Aid : **£ 218.20** Gift Aid : **£ 144.90** Total : **£ 728.10**

“Christmas Offerings”

Traditionally these are for your Parish Priest and are his main source of income. These offerings are not covered by your standing orders which go for the general maintenance of the Church. Please remember to bring cash or cheques.

Next year we hope to have a card machine as we move to a cashless society.

Stephen: Chairman of Finance Committee.

First Holy Communion 2018: 25 children will begin their preparation in the New Year. Parishioners are invited to support them by becoming *Prayer Sponsors*. Please sign the list at the back of church. When the list is full you will be assigned a child.

Fr. John Ellis (parish priest 1989-2005) sends his Christmas greetings to all and says he is keeping well, all things considered.

Diary Dates

20th January **Quiz and Curry Night 7.30 pm** in the church hall £10 per person.

Tickets now available from the Sacristy—Once you have purchased a ticket please also sign the form at the back of Church indicating your dietary preferences.

Jacqui Watterton reports that the **RED BOXES** have raised **£624.51** this year.



Fr Michael and Deacon Brian
wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil 5.30 pm Dmm
Sunday 9.00 am People of the Parish
10.30 am Dmm

Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Children's Mass
8.00 pm Night Mass Dec'd Cotter & O'Shea families

Christmas Day

10.30 am Day Mass People of the Parish

Tuesday 10.00 am Dmm (followed by coffee, etc)

Wednesday 9.30 am Dmm

Thursday 12.00 pm Dec'd Aldworth & Connelly families

Friday 9.30 am Dmm

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil 5.30pm Dmm

Sunday 9.00am People of the Parish

10.30am Dmm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am and 4.45 - 5.15pm Or at any time on request.

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Maria (Kenney) Ashcroft, Vera Bird, June Black, Clifford Browne, Gabby Collinson, Rita Conlon, Mike Coulehan, Julian Neil Dunstan (grandson of Marion Fallon), Kitty Jakubszyn, Mary Lewis, James Marsh, Maria McNamara, Eugenie Micotti, Siobhan Moran, Bernard Oates, Claudia Rodrigues, Barbara Small, Lucy Collaco and those known only to you.

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