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Confessions: Monday-Saturday 30 minutes before the Mass or at call.

Baptism, Marriages & Visits: please call.

20 December 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	19 Dec	06.30pm:	Sacred Heart	
Sunday	20 Dec	10.30am:	Bishop Patrick Lynch (Thanksgiving)	
Monday	21 Dec	9.00am:	Special Intention	Feria
Tuesday	22 Dec	10.00am:	Holy Souls	Feria
Wednesday	23 Dec	10.00am:	Matthias Mainza Chona RIP	Feria
			Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	24 Dec	06.30pm:	Sheila O'Connor RIP	Christmas Eve (Vigil Mass)
		10.00pm	People of the parish	
Friday	25 Dec	10.30am:	Dinno Family	Carols and Midnight Mass
Saturday	26 Dec	06.30pm:	Patrick Tuohy RIP (Anniversary)	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday	27 Dec	10.30am:	People of the parish	The first Mass of Sunday
				The Holy Family (B)

Second Collection Apostleship of the Sea

Moved from July, this weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops.

Today's second collection is for Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, supporting seafarers both practically and spiritually.

If you prefer to donate online please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. Your generosity as ever is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Collection for the Priest

Archbishop John recognizes with the various COVID restrictions parishioners may not be able to attend Mass on Christmas Day but may come during the Octave period and want to give something to their priest in the traditional way.

This year, all of the collections (including electronic giving and standing orders) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, and up to and including 6th January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offering of the faithful for their priest.

Crib Offering 2020

This year, as last, the Crib Offering will be for the Catholic Children's Society.

Since March they have provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over 5,500 children and their parents/carers. These families faced desperate situations due to the pandemic.

One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future, but CCS provided support for several weeks giving the father time to find another job.

There are many more families in need of support, and every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. If you prefer to donate online please visit:

www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING – 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 88

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

SECOND READING – Romans 16: 25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.