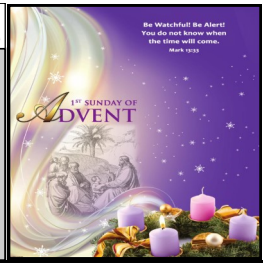




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Daily Mass will continue to be live streamed at 9.30am Monday-Saturday and at 10am on Sunday until further notice.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:YEAR B: 3 DECEMBER 2023

(The new Lectionary cycle begins, that is (B), the year of Mark)

	6.00pm	Peter Allen RIP (Tom & Kath Smith)	
		John James Dunford RIP (Paul Fitzpatrick and family)	
Sunday, 3 Dec	10.00am	Maria Mottau's intentions (Mary Greenfield and family)	
		God's guidance, love, protection and special intention on Jay-Jay Alex Achebe (His Mum and Catherine Azuka and family)	
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday, 4 Dec	9.30am	Tim Cott RIP (Kitty Lehane)	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday, 5 Dec	9.30am	Pansy Bakelmun RIP (Bakelmuns)	<i>Feria</i>
Wed., 6 Dec	9.30am	Rev Fr Frank McHugh RIP - anniversary (Mary Greenfield & family)	<i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 7 Dec	9.30am	Francis Connolly RIP - anniversary (Mary Greenfield & family)	
		God's guidance, protection & special intention of Eugenia Ogbah <i>Saint Ambrose Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i> (Catherine Azuka & fam)	
Friday, 8 Dec	9.30am	William Sheehan RIP- anniversary (Ellen Cott)	
		<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity</i>	
Saturday, 9 Dec	7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	9.00am	Rosary and Benediction	
	9.30am	Kath Mann's well being (Mary Greenfield & family)	<i>Feria</i>
		10.00am - 4.00pm "Greg Dunne - An Encounter with God"	

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:YEAR B: 10 DECEMBER 2023

	6.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 10 Dec	10.00am	Rex Philips RIP (Jacintha and family)	
	5.00pm	Thanking God and invoking blessings on baby George Paldano (Salomé Paldano)	
Monday, 11 Dec	9.30am	Peter Allen RIP (Bakelmuns)	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday, 12 Dec	9.30am	Tony Green RIP (Mary Greenfield & family)	<i>Feria</i>
Wed., 13 Dec	9.30am	Deceased relatives and friends of the Arnolda & Bakelmun family <i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial</i>	
Thursday, 14 Dec	9.30am	Catherine Azuka's intentions <i>Saint John of the Cross Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i> (Eugenia Ogbah)	
Friday, 15 Dec	9.30am	Deceased family and relatives of the D'Olivera, Spilsbury, Colclough and Felthman families (Moira and Mike Spilsbury)	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday, 16 Dec	7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	9.00am	Rosary and Benediction	
	9.30am	In Thanksgiving (Bakelmuns)	<i>Feria</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:YEAR B: GAUDETE SUNDAY: 17 DECEMBER 2023

	6.00pm	Patrick McCormack RIP (Dorothy McEvoy and family)	
		Peter Allen RIP (Elizabeth Kieran and Terry Mellon)	
Sunday, 17 Dec	10.00am	Rest of the souls of the grandparents, relatives and friends of the Kelly family (Mary Greenfield and family)	
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	

Holy Father's intentions for December : We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Words of wisdom from Pope Francis: "[A] good way to grow in friendship with Christ is by listening to his word. The Lord speaks to us in the depths of our conscience, he speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, he speaks to us in prayer. Learn to stay before him in silence, to read and meditate on the Bible, especially the Gospels, to converse with him every day in order to feel his presence of friendship and love."

Message from Fr Anton: I wish you all a blessed week. Please continue to pray for peace in our world and especially at this time in the Holy Lands.

First Holy Communion Programme 2024 - if your child is in Year 3 and above and has never received First Holy Communion and wishes to do so, please collect a form from the church porch and post it through the Presbytery letterbox by **no later than Sunday, 31 December 2023**. Please ensure the forms are completed clearly. The programme is likely to begin in January. Watch this space for more details.

Confirmation Programme 2024 - application forms for the 2024 programme are now in the porch. If you are in Year 8 and above, have already received Communion and are interested in joining our Confirmation programme, please complete an application form and post it through the Presbytery letterbox by **no later than Sunday, 31 December 2023**. **Parents, please ensure that you discuss this application with your child and that it is their wish to be confirmed.** We hope to begin this programme in the first week of January. Watch this space for more information.

RCIA 2023/24 programme (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is a **process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. The programme for 2024 is now underway in our Parish but if you know someone** who might be interested, it is still not too late to join in. Please ask them to complete a form which can be found in the porch and post it through the presbytery or have a word with Fr Anton.

Christmas Raffle - tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale now. However, the Social Committee still need your donations. **You will find a box in the porch for all donations e.g. new and unwanted gifts, chocolates, wine, spirits etc.** Cash donations are also welcome. Please make sure your donation is clearly marked "Christmas Raffle."

Dates for your diary: 17 December 2023 immediately after the 10am Mass - Children's Nativity Play and carols. 19 December 2023: 8.00pm: Christmas Carol Service via Zoom - we hope that this will mean more of you will be able to join in the programme from the comfort of your home. There will be instrumentals, carols and Christmas songs. If you wish to present an item either as a soloist or group/family, please speak to Fr Anton.

Collection for Christmas flowers - there will be a **special retiring collection at all the weekend masses on the 16/17th December** for flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. The flowers will be arranged on **Saturday, 23 December** after the morning mass. We already have one volunteer but if there are any other budding flower arrangers in the Parish, please come along on Saturday morning. Your help will be much appreciated.

Preparing the Church for Christmas - we need volunteers to help clean and prepare the Church for Christmas. Please join us on **Saturday, 23 December** after the morning mass. Remember many hands make light work!

Social Committee - there will be tea and coffee in the Hall after this Sunday's, 10am Mass. Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners over a hot tea or coffee. **Pies** - will again be on sale after the 10am Sunday Mass. All money raised will go towards our Church refurbishment works.

Parish Finances: this will be updated in the next newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please consider setting up a standing order (bank details below) as it is the easiest way to make your weekly donation and again if you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to **gift aid it**. Since our last appeal, a number of parishioners have signed up. The Parish bank details are as follows:

Bank : NatWest. Branch: Blackheath and Westcombe Park
Account name: RCAS Re: Kidbrooke Catholic Church
Account number: 34 19 58 58 Sort Code: 60-23-27

Greg Dunne - An Encounter with God

Greg Dunne is from Dublin, Ireland. In 1998, after an incredible act of forgiveness, Greg had an encounter with the Lord. God healed and infused him with knowledge of the Holy Trinity, Salvation History and Divine Will. In 2019, the Lord asked Greg to share his testimony with the world. To date he has spoken in Ireland, Scotland, Florida and has invited to Australia in 2024. His story is one of profound encounters with God, of forgiveness and of living the fulfilment of the Our Father Prayer-Living God's Will on Earth as they do in Heaven! Greg shares his story with a beautiful authenticity. His sincerity, warmth and gentle humour will leave you wanting to hear more. **On Saturday, 9th December 2023, Greg will share his story in our parish church. He will join us for 9.30am Mass and will begin his talk shortly after. The talk will finish at 4pm.** Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be available.

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound: Karon Phillips-Allen, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondareko, Catherine Leeper, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Maria Mottau, Mary Grace Cruz, Sadie Felton, Olympia Balugay, Lewis Usher, Luigi Rispoli, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Colman Joyce, Kate, Iris Chase, Brian Kieran, Andrew Nkunica, Bejatin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Shane Kelly, Michael De Lima, Mechelle Urgate Jayawickrema, James Cabatu, Erlinda Vecino, Marian McGowan, Anne Kieran, Agnes Forde, Therese Rodrigo, Margaret Queen, Judy Fernando, Margaret Lucking, Eddy Holsgrove, Carole Hayward and all those not listed here.

We remember all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace.