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Hire of Church Hall - please contact Praetorium (01372457651) for cost and availability.

The weekday and Sunday 10am Mass will not be live streamed until further notice.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C: 8 DECEMBER 2024

	6.00pm	Holy Souls	
Sunday, 8 Dec	10.00am	Deceased relatives of the Barlow & Romano families (Anne Romano & family)	
		Joan Spilsbury's intentions (Mary Greenfield and family)	
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday, 9 Dec	9.30am	Maureen Atusiaka RIP & Muriel Feeny RIP (Louisa Iwuchukwu)	
		<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Tuesday, 10 Dec	9.30am	Rex Philips RIP (Jacintha Philips and family)	<i>Feria</i>
Wed., 11 Dec	9.30am	Brian Kieran RIP (Elizabeth Kieran)	<i>Feria</i>
Thurs, 12 Dec	9.30am	Gill Bramley RIP (Deirdre McClean)	<i>Feria</i>
Friday, 13 Dec	9.30am	Lúcio Da Costa (Maria & Ian Da Costa)	
		<i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial</i>	
	7.00pm	Adoration and Benediction	
Saturday, 14 Dec	9.00am	Rosary and Benediction	
	9.30am	Mary Cott RIP (Ellen Cott)	<i>Feria</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY: YEAR C: 15 DECEMBER 2024

	6.00pm	Teresa McGowan RIP - anniversary 22 Dec (McGowan family)	
Sunday, 15 Dec	10.00am	Annette Kelly RIP (Mary Greenfield and family)	
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	

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, Lewis Usher, Luigi Rispoli, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Colman Joyce, Kate, Andrew Nkunika, Bejatin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Shane Kelly, Michael De Lima, Marian McGowan, Anne Kieran, Agnes Forde, Therese Rodrigo, Margaret Queen, Margaret Lucking, Carole Hayward, Dean Whelan, Eddie Azzopardi, Jackie Cooper, Antonia Igbodipe, Johnny Bouza Melotte, Kath and Tom Smith, Leoma Bakelmun, Eamonn Conaghan, Shirley Mackinnon 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.

Holy Father's intentions for December 2024 : For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Words of wisdom from Pope Francis: " To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us. "

Message from Fr Anton: Please take your newsletter home with you as there are a number of important dates for your diary: the reconciliation service, the children's Nativity play and the Carol Services etc. I wish you all a Holy and Blessed Week.

Advent Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, 17 December: 7 - 8pm. I do hope you will make every effort to attend our Parish Reconciliation Service in preparation for Christmas and the birth of Our Lord. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an opportunity to go to Confession. I have asked a number of priests to support me with the Service and in particular the confessions.

Banners : we are using the money raised from the recent Variety Show and a large donation we have received from one of our parishioners (for which many thanks) to purchase some liturgical banners for the Church.

Candleholders: A big thank you also to all those who have already donated so generously to this appeal. If you wish to donate, please put your donation in an envelope marked "candle holders" and post it through the presbytery letter box. There are some brown envelopes in the porch which you may wish to use for this purpose.

Children's Nativity - the Parish would like to invite our children to take part in a Nativity play **on Sunday, 22nd December after the 10am Mass.** If your child is interested, please give your name, the name and age of your child and your mobile phone number to one of the children's liturgy catechists. **Rehearsals will take place after the 10am Mass** in the run up to the performance. Please also let us know if you would like to help.

Social Committee - there will be tea and coffee in the Hall after this Sunday's 10am Mass. **We also need more volunteers** to help with this. If you think you can spare some time (the coffee and tea will be provided) after the 10am Mass, please have a word with a member of the Social Committee or speak to whoever is running the coffee morning this weekend.

Christmas Raffle: tickets are on sale after all masses. Tickets cost £1 a strip or 6 strips for £5. The Raffle will be drawn after the **Carol Service on 21 December. Please retain your tickets until the draw. The Carol Service will start immediately after the Saturday evening (6pm) Mass. Mince pies and tea will also be served after the Carol Service.**

Flowers for Christmas: please help decorate the Church for Christmas by either donating Poinsettias (all sizes welcome) and/or some cash to help us buy the flowers which are also needed. There will be a **retiring collection** after all masses **next weekend.** Poinsettias should be brought to the Church anytime during the week beginning Monday, 16 December but preferably on **Sunday, 22 December.**

Preparing the Church for Christmas - we also need volunteers to help clean and prepare the Church for Christmas. Please join us on **Monday, 23 December** after the morning mass. Mince pies will be available for the workers! Remember many hands make light work!

First Holy Communion Programme 2025 - 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. Completed forms should be posted through the Presbytery letterbox by **no later than Tuesday, 31 December 2024.** Please ensure the forms are completed clearly and in block capitals.

Confirmation Programme 2025 - application forms for the 2025 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 Tuesday, 31 December 2024. Parents, please ensure that you discuss this application with your child and that it is their wish to be confirmed.**

The RCIA programme for 2024/25 is now underway. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please have a word with Fr Anton. Application forms can be found in the porch.

Mass intentions: If you wish to offer a Mass, please complete a Mass request envelope which can be found in the porch and hand it to Geraldine or place it in the offertory basket. The Archdiocese suggests a **donation of at least £10.**

Book of Remembrance - the Book remains open throughout the year and names may be added at any time. If you wish to include the name of a deceased loved one or friend, please send their name and the relevant day (birthday or anniversary of death) printed in **BLOCK CAPITALS,** to the office together with a donation of around £5 for each entry. All funds raised will go towards the refurbishment fund.

Parish Finances: w/e 1 December 2024: £784.12. Thank you for your generous offerings. 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.** 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

200 Club: The winners of the November draw are as follows:

1st Prize (£40): No: 90: Hansika Silva;
2nd Prize (£25): No: 30: Iain MacDougall
3rd Prize (£10): No: 63: John McElroy

Congratulations to all the winners. Your prize can be collected from the Presbytery.