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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B: GAUDETE SUNDAY: 13 DECEMBER 2020

Birthday Prayers and Blessings for all those celebrating their birthdays this week.

Sunday, 13 Dec	6.00pm	Mary and Peter Healey's well being	(Tim and Ellen Cott)
	10.00am	Hanaan Salifu	(Amina Salifu)
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday, 14 Dec	9.30am	Family of Mr and Mrs B.C. Okagbare: Thanking God for the year 2020	
		<i>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i>	
Tuesday, 15 Dec	9.30am	Noreen & Kevin Simpson's well being	(Tim and Ellen Cott) <i>Feria</i>
Wednesday, 16 Dec	9.30am	Joan Westbrook	(Laurence & Cecilia McEvoy) <i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 17 Dec	9.15am	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	
	9.30am	Frank & Anne Kelly's intentions	(The Greenfield Family) <i>Feria</i>
Friday, 18 Dec	9.30am	Claudette Gyampoh— for a successful operation & speedy recovery	(Caroline Mills) <i>Feria</i>
	7.00pm - 8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
Saturday, 19 Dec	9.00am	Rosary and Benediction	
	9.30am	Penny Modena RIP	(Laurence & Cecilia McEvoy) <i>Feria</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B: 20 DECEMBER 2020

Sunday, 20 Dec	6.00pm	Tony and Helena Healey's well being	(Tim and Ellen Cott)
	10.00am	People of the Parish	
	5.00pm	Deceased members of the Pritchett family	

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound: Karon Phillips-Allen, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Joe Grandy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondareko, Lucas Lekule, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Doreen Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Mary Grace Cruz, Tina Borland, Sadie Felton, Barbara Hills, Sean Needham, Olympia Balugay, Lewis Usher, George Mihalda, Luigi Rispoli, Winston Countinho, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Javier Carpentier, Colman Joyce, Kate, Iris Chase, Brian Kieran, Andrew Nkunika, Bejaxin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Poppy Beck and all those not listed here.

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

Coronavirus Prayer—to be recited at all Masses

“Dear Lord, at this time of pandemic we ask you to protect our families, our country and our brothers and sisters around the world. We ask you to be with us when we feel vulnerable, frightened or ill. We pray especially for those who are suffering with the virus, for those who care for them and for those whom you have called to their heavenly home. Help us to remember that we are all created by you and to reach out to those in need, especially the sick, the lonely and the bereaved. We especially thank you for enabling a vaccine to be found and pray that it will be safe and effective and that it will be shared equally. Send your Spirit on us, and give us hope, strength and courage to look to a future of justice and equality. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.”

Pope Francis Twitter message: “God listens to the cry of those who invoke Him. Even our reluctant questions, those that remain in the depths of our heart. The Father wishes to give us the Holy Spirit, which inspires every [#prayer](#) and transforms everything. It is a question of patience, of supporting the wait.”

Message from Fr Anton. It was wonderful to see the rollout of the Covid 19 vaccination programme at the beginning of last week. We thank God for his goodness and pray that it will proceed smoothly. But we cannot lift our guard just yet and must continue to follow the government's guidelines. This means that we continue to **maintain a distance of at least one metre and ensure that face coverings are worn** inside the church. Please support the Stewards by following their advice. I will also continue to live stream one mass each day to enable those of you who are not able to attend mass, for whatever reason, to join in through Zoom. If you would like to do so, please contact me for details.

Preparation for Christmas

i. **Christmas leaflet:** If you have not already done so, please pick up a leaflet setting out the dates and times of the Masses over the Christmas period and why not take an extra copy for a friend or neighbour.

ii. If there is sufficient interest we would like to hold a **“virtual” (via Zoom) Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday, 20 December from 6– 8 pm** immediately after the evening Mass. The plan would be to allow each individual or family, 3 mins to present a carol with or without a musical instrument or Christmas reading. If you are interested in joining in, please email Geraldine (geraldine195@hotmail.co.uk) setting out the carol or reading you intend to present and providing a contact number. If sufficient names are put forward, we will draw up a programme and allocate a time for your carol. Since we are very short on time, we would be grateful for an **email by no later than Wednesday, 16 December.**

iii. **Christmas masses** - you will see, I have introduced two extra Christmas masses which means that there will be a **Vigil mass at 6pm, 8pm and Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10am and 12 Noon on Christmas Day.** Hopefully, this should avoid anyone having to be turned away. However, to also help us with our planning, I would be grateful if you if you would email Chris Bakelmun or leave a message on his phone (**email: raybakelmun@hotmail.co.uk / tel: 07802 686518**) **indicating the number of people who will be attending and specifying the Mass you would like to attend and if you could be flexible. Grateful if you would let us know by 22 December at the latest.**

iv. **Archbishop's views on attendance at Christmas masses - the main points he made were as follows:**

- Although the 'obligation' to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation will remain suspended for the time being, the Archbishop recognises that many individuals and families will want to go to Mass at Christmas.
- he reminded parishes of the need to ensure that safety measures remain in place while accommodating as many as possible of those who would wish to attend Christmas Mass. given the reduction in the number of people who could attend each Mass, he also wanted us to remind parishioners, that the Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. He, therefore, invited parishes to encourage their

communities to make full use of the Christmas Octave and, **if it is not possible to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day this year, to do so during the Christmas Octave, which runs from Christmas Day to 1 January 2021.**

As you may already be aware, liturgically, each of the days from 25th December until the 1st January is 'Christmas Day'. So for example, the prayers of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer throughout to the Nativity of the Lord Jesus; and despite having days within the Octave which are feasts, The Roman Missal also states that each of these days is still a "day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord". He hoped that this would allow parishioners to plan ahead for a day within the Octave when they could come to our churches in order to celebrate their Christmas Mass this year without the fear of being turned away should a church have reached capacity.

We will make every effort, to enable as many people as possible to attend the Mass of their choosing while following government guidelines.

New Year's Eve: With apologies to those who regularly attend the **midnight Mass on New Year's Eve, we have been strongly advised by the Diocese to postpone this year's Mass.** We will, however, be having Mass on 1 January and I hope that many of you will attend this instead.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - We hope to begin our Programme for 2021 in January and further details will be provided in due course. But, in the meantime, if you, or anyone you know, are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Anton.

Parish Collection w/e 6 December 2020: £632.00 including Standing Orders and Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity. If you haven't already done so please consider setting up a standing order.

Bank details: Stipends (donations for mass intentions) weekly offerings or donations towards the Church refurbishment Project, may also be made via bank transfer or standing order. Please specify on the transfer the nature of your donation.

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

Church Building and Refurbishment Fund: the total raised thus far, now stands at **£17,711.13.** Keep up the good work and help us reach our target.

Holy Family Advent Foodbank

The Holy Family Advent Foodbank will be providing Christmas hampers to a number of families at our school. Please support this excellent initiative by donating dry and non perishable goods. There is a box at the entrance of the church for any donations. All donations big or small will be greatly appreciated.