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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD: YEAR B: 10 JANUARY 2021

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| Sunday, 10 Jan | 6.00pm | Kitty Browne RIP | (Terence McGowan) | |
| | 10.00am | Rex Philips RIP | (His family) | |
| | 5.00pm | People of the Parish | | |
| Monday, 11 Jan | 9.30am | Fr Saju's intentions | (Muriel Feeney) | <i>Feria</i> |
| Tuesday, 12 Jan | 9.30am | John Dickson RIP | (Anne Romano) | <i>Feria</i> |
| Wednesday, 13 Jan | 9.30am | Special intention | (Mary Greenfield) | <i>Feria</i> |
| Thursday, 14 Jan | 9.15am | Chaplet of the Divine Mercy | | |
| | 9.30am | Win and Peter Daly RIP | (Marie Coles) | <i>Feria</i> |
| Friday, 15 Jan | 9.30am | Mr and Mrs S. Vij RIP | (The Kieran family) | <i>Feria</i> |
| Saturday, 16 Jan | 9.00am | Rosary and Benediction | | |
| | 9.30am | In thanksgiving | (Keith and Lettie Phillips) | <i>Feria</i> |

Please note: There will be no Adoration & Benediction on a Friday evening until further notice.

SECOND SUNDAY: YEAR B: PEACE DAY: 17 JANUARY 2021– prayer today for peace on earth

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| Sunday, 10 Jan | 6.00pm | Jackie Harris RIP | (Kath and Tom Smith) |
| | 10.00am | Jack and Linsey Cott's well being | (Tim and Ellen Cott) |
| | 5.00pm | Diane Wood RIP | (Kevin Murphy) |

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, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Javier Carpentier, Colman Joyce, Kate, Iris Chase, Brian Kieran, Andrew Nkunica, Bejaxin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Poppy Beck, Michelina Scialo (Luigi's Mum), Josephine Azzopardi, Therese Rodrigo 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: “The first step towards an attitude of worship is to “lift up our eyes”. When we lift up our eyes to God, life’s problems do not go away, but we feel certain that the Lord grants us the strength to deal with them. ”

Message from Fr Anton. I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of 2021, to thank the many people who keep this Parish going, many of whom work in the background tirelessly and who are generous with their time. In no particular order: **Muriel Feeney**, who not only opens and locks up the church after every Mass but also ensures that the altar is dressed appropriately and that everything is kept ready for the celebration of Mass. There are many more ways that she helps around the Parish including cutting the grass. **Laurence and Cecilia McEvoy**: Laurence helps in so many ways with his many talents— keeping the books, overseeing the refurbishment, ensuring the fabric of the church is in good order. He is a handyman *par excellence!* **Cecilia** also helps, working very much in the background and, ensuring the Presbytery is clean and tidy. They both also provide me with a lot of support. **David Daly** who not only has helped with the Confirmation Programme but is also our newly ordained Deacon; **Giang** who set up the live streaming and has also been managing the website; **Terry Mellon and Elizabeth Kieran** who ensure that the collections are properly banked; **Geraldine** who assists with the Parish Administration; **Judy Arnolda** who produced several beautiful altar cloths; **John Riley**, who regularly gives up his Saturday mornings to ensure the gardens are tidy; **Jim and Richard** have also helped with this. The Musicians **Barbara Burns, Mary Masters and Judith von Ungern Sternberg** and, of course, **the Choir**—we have missed the presence of their talents for most of the year because of the pandemic and look forward to hearing them again in the not too distant future. The Altar Servers especially **Keith and Luigi**; the Buildings Committee notably Laurence, Kieran, and Casey who worked so hard to agree and deliver the plans for the refurbishment of the Church. Casey also produced an electronic copy of the Plans. The Project Committee members and Dominique, our Safeguarding Officer. The Youth Group under the guidance of **Candy Botchey**; **Anne Romano** who ensures that we have readers at each of the masses and also with Mary Greenfield was involved with the 200 Club; **Carol Ann** who organised the First Holy Communion programme with the catechists, **Helen, Sandra and Margaret** and not forgetting the Children's Liturgy Group: **Michelle, Dominique, Eileen and Tonia**. We also have the members of the **Parish Pastoral Committee and Finance Committee, the Legion of Mary, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Readers, the Collectors, the Coffee morning organisers and the Social Committee, chaired by Eileen. Not forgetting those who regularly clean the church: Luz, Julie and Louisa. My thanks also to Salomé and others who have been very generous in supplying the church with sanitiser and cleaning products during the pandemic; also Mary and Chris**, who regularly lead us in the Rosary. There are many others who regularly help us. My sincerest thanks to everyone who has supported me and the Parish. We are truly blessed to have so many talented people in our Parish.

Since last weekend things have again changed. We are now in full lockdown although thankfully we are allowed to continue with our daily Masses. While we thank God for this, we also need, now more than ever (as this Covid variant continues to spread) to follow government guidelines and to ensure that we do not mingle after Mass. Please also continue to keep all those suffering with the virus in our prayers as well as all the key workers. We also pray that the vaccination programme will be successful in reducing the level of infection. So please, 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 am continuing 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.

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.

First Communion and Confirmation Programme 2021 - watch this space.

Parish Finances: Thank you very much to everyone who has been donating their weekly offering by standing order and also to those who have been donating on the JustGiving page. 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 below:
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 fund stands at **£17,778.75**. Keep up the good work and help us reach our target. And if you gift aid your donation, HMRC will give us 25p for every £1 you donate.

Some of the Frequently asked Questions about the Scriptures used during Mass

Do we read from the Bible at Mass? Readings from Scripture are part of every Mass. At least two readings, one always from the Gospels, (3 on Sundays and solemnities) make up the Liturgy of the Word. In addition, a psalm or canticle is sung. These readings are typically read from a Lectionary, not a Bible, though the Lectionary is taken from the Bible.

What's the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary? A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary. Individual readings in the Lectionary are called pericopes, from a Greek word meaning a "section" or "cutting." Because the Mass readings are only portions of a book or chapter, introductory phrases, called incipits, are often added to begin the Lectionary reading, for example, "In those days," "Jesus said to his disciples," etc.

How is the Lectionary arranged? The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2020 was Year A. 2021 is Year B, 2022 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read. The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2021, 2023, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2020, 2022, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (i.e., some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started. The year of the cycle does not change on January 1, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, funerals, etc.), for votive Masses, and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.