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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** Saint John of the Cross

10am No Confessions

6pm Mass: *Luigina Mancini Anniv.*

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete*)

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass: *Nigel Kennedy Anniv.*

5pm Kerala Mass

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

6:30pm Mass: *Deceased family and friends of  
Vicky and Andy Bunting*

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Jane Attard (RIP)*

10:30am Rosary

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Liam Doherty, Anniv.*

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

11am – 11:45am Adoration and Confessions

12 noon Mass: *Mary O'Connor & family*

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Marie Birthday*

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass:

5pm Kerala Mass

**SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Sing and shout for joy for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES AT CHRIST THE KING**

**Christmas Eve**

3pm Lithuanian Mass

5pm Vigil Mass

6:45pm Keralan Mass

8:30pm Carol Service

9pm Night Mass

**Christmas Day**

8am Latin Mass

10am Mass

**CHRISTMAS SINGING REHEARSAL**

Our parish has had a very good tradition of singing, which we want to build upon. You are invited to come to a Christmas singing rehearsal in the church on Monday 16th December at 7pm. It would be lovely to join voices with yours!

**The church will be open on Friday evenings in Advent**

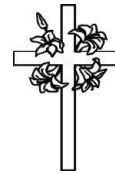
**LUX 2025 - LUX. HOPE**

LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 yrs. 5th-7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood.

The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us. Bookings are now live on the NYMO website:

<https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>

Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses etc). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out. Contact [NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com) to find out more.



**CONDOLENCES**

To the recently bereaved family and friends of

**Jane Attard (RIP)**

**Mary Neves (RIP)**

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

**ST THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAROL SERVICE**

You are invited, to the St Thomas More High School Carol Service taking place at Saint Philip and Saint James Church, on Thursday 19th December, from 7 pm until 8pm, followed by refreshments.

**Experiment In Joy**

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:14

Gratitude and praise give rise to and strengthen feelings of joy and gladness. Common experience repeatedly shows how a peaceful joy will pervade the lives of those who habitually say "thank you" to God and to their fellow human beings. In his first two chapters Luke keeps coming back to the theme of joy and gladness, the natural accompaniment of the spirit of gratitude he wishes to foster.

The angel Gabriel announces to Zechariah the birth of a son (John the Baptist) and assures him: "His birth will fill you with joy and delight, and will bring gladness to many" (Luke 1:14). When Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth tells her: "When your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby in my womb leapt for joy" (Luke 1:44). Mary responds in prayer: "My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:47). The neighbours of Elizabeth share her "delight" at the birth of John (Luke 1:58).

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The climax of all these expressions of delight and gladness arrives when Jesus himself is born and an angel of the Lord proclaims to the shepherds this "news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). When we praise, thank and glorify God for all that has come to us through Jesus and his birth, we too will inevitably feel joy, even indescribable joy. Why not make a spiritual experiment this Advent? Try praising and thanking God much more, and then see how you feel.

**Action:** Say "thank you" more often today. When the day is over, reflect on how your increased gratitude made you feel.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

At London Road Methodist Church on Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm - come and join in.

All welcome. Refreshments too!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Last Week's Collections - £1228.68



