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4th Sunday of Advent - A **18th December, 2022**

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 10am 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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First Reading: Is 7: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm: *Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory*

Second Reading: 1: 1-7

Gospel: Mt 1: 18-24

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection - £731.85

Building Fund - £609.31

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Church Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 151 A Gillick

2nd Prize No. 134 M Hannigan

3rd Prize No. 363 H Kelly

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizebeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith

RIP: Jon O'Brien

Month's Mind: Pat, June, Peter, Netta, Jimmy & Brian Hetherston, Mark Shaw, McCormack, McGonnagle & Hetherston Families, Robert & 0Anthony Clarke, James, Elizabeth, John & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Denis Tiernan, Rosemary (Tiernan) O'Neill, June Stewart

Anniversaries: Patrick, Margaret & Gillian Curran, Annie Fisher, Anna Lyschirka, Kathleen Cairns, Ina McNally, Jenny McNally, Luke Molloy, Denis Leonard

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

Name the Reindeer

Prize £50 to the winner

Parish Building Fundraiser

Name the Reindeer

There is a card in the church porch for anyone wishing to participate in our Christmas fundraiser.

Stake £2

4th Sunday of Advent A

In the First reading the prophet Isaiah talked about the coming of a very special child; but there is no reason to believe that he knew just how special that child could be. Christians believe that Isaiah's prophecy only found its complete fulfilment in Jesus.

The Second Reading and the Gospel reveal to us the double identity of this special child. No prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfilment.

Both St Paul and Mathew make it clear that Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David. David is one of the greatest figures in the Old Testament. He succeeded Saul as King of Israel. It was he who united the scattered tribes and formed them into a nation. Even though he sinned, he repented. Jesus referred to as 'Son of David'. To say that Jesus came from the line of David was already a great thing. He has another, and infinitely greater identity. He is 'Emmanuel', which means 'God is with us.' He is the Son of God. Hence, he is able to save his people from their sins.

We believe then in the double identity of Jesus. He is Son of David and Son of God. But we too have a double identity. As children of our parents, we are human beings, which means we have a human identity. But through Jesus we have become children of God, which means we also have a divine dignity. However, our divine dignity, like that of Jesus, is a matter of faith.

2040network - Online Prayer event for young Catholic Adults aged 20-40

Join us for a post-Christmas rosary and reflection via Zoom on Tues 27th Dec at 8:00-8:30pm. Our events are a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other young adults. For more info and tickets [email: 2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com)

Celebrate your Sacrament of Confession before Christmas, Thursday from 10.30am to 12noon.

Confession is good for the souls. The unspoken evil a person has done is a worm eating his heart away. We have a need to talk about what is worrying us. We also may need guidance. Confession involves a painful scrutiny of self. We have to come to terms with the dark side of ourselves. But we must remember that Christ did not come to judge us, but to save us. We are invited to judge ourselves, to look at ourselves, to examine ourselves. It is not easy to admit our poverty, our weakness, our sins. But we must make a clean sweep if we are to find cleanness, wholeness and peace coming from the Emmanuel, God with us.

Penitents who receive absolution at the general confession are obliged to make an individual confession if they are aware that they have committed serious sin. This is the condition on which General Absolution can be offered in extraordinary situations.


Thank You!

Thank you to Matt Drummond for helping to build the new crib and to Buildbase for the donation of boards and also to everyone who came along yesterday to help clean our church in preparation for our Christmas Services.

Your help as always is greatly appreciated!

Parish Giving Tree

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Parish Giving Tree this year. The gifts will now be distributed to families in our parish who are in need of some help at this time.

 <i>Advent</i>	<i>Parish Advent Schedule</i>		 <i>Advent</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 24 th December	<i>Holy Mass</i> <i>Carol Service 30 minutes before Mass</i>	<i>4pm</i> <i>7pm</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> 25 th December	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<i>10am</i> <i>12Noon</i>	
<i>Saturday</i> 31 st December	<i>Holy Mass</i>	<i>4pm</i> <i>7pm</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> 1st January	<i>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</i>	<i>10am</i> <i>12 Noon</i>	