

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS DURING THE WEEK 23rd Dec-30th Dec

☒ Fourth Sunday of Advent 'O Emmanuel'

R 6.15-6.45pm	St Pius X	6.00pm	Mass People of the Parish	
	St Edward	6.00pm	Mass in Polish	
	St Mary	7.00pm	Mass Ethel Shaw & Anne Keeley Rip & Peggie Jacques	<i>Andrew Messinger</i>
Sunday 23rd	St Joseph	8.00am	Mass Marie, Joyce, Irene Theophlous & Rev Ernest Stafford RIP	<i>M. Roberts</i>
		11.00am	Mass Manuel Pinto Da Silva RIP	
		6.00pm	Mass Marie, Joyce, Irene Theophlous & Rev Ernest Stafford RIP	<i>M. Roberts</i>
	St Edward	9.00am	Mass Cora McDonald RIP	<i>Eddie McDonald</i>
	St Pius X	9.30am	Mass Joseph Caniffe RIP	<i>Neville Vincent</i>
	St Mary	11.00am	Mass Dawn Patricia Newman RIP & Jackie Donne RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism: Maia Grace Sedgwick		
Christmas Eve Monday 24th	St Mary	6.00pm	Mass Deceased members of the Antao Family	<i>Eric Antao</i>
	St Pius X	6.00pm	Mass Maurice Sutcliffe RIP	<i>Monica Sutcliffe</i>
	St Joseph	6.00pm	Mass Patrick Barry RIP	<i>Sean</i>
	St Pius X	8.45pm	Carols	
		9.00pm	Mass Celebrants intention	
	St Joseph	11.00pm	Carols	
		11.30pm	Mass Celebrants intention	
	St Mary	11.30pm	Carols	
	Midnight	Mass Celebrants intention		
St Edward	11.30pm	Mass Celebrants intention		
Christmas Day Tuesday 25th	St Joseph	8.00am	Mass Elizabeth Milford RIP	<i>S & M Milford</i>
		11.00am	Mass Celebrants intention	
	St Pius X	9.30am	Mass Celebrants intention	
	St Mary	11.00am	Mass Deceased members of the De Lima Family	<i>Eric Antao</i>
	St Edward	9.00am	Mass Celebrants Intention	
Wednesday 26th St Stephen	St Mary	11.00am	Mass for the Parish Altar Servers	
Thursday 27th	St Pius X	10.00am	Mass Mary Caniffe RIP	<i>Neville Vincent</i>
Friday 28th	St Edward	10.00am	Mass Ifor Taylor RIP	<i>Glenys Vale</i>
Saturday 29th	St Joseph	10.00am	Mass Holy Trinity	<i>Connie</i>
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☒ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH				
R 6.15-6.45pm	St Pius X	6.00pm	Mass intention for Julian Campbell	<i>Veronica Campbell</i>
	St Edward	6.00pm	Mass in Polish	
	St Mary	7.00pm	Mass Onofrio Salamone RIP & Camela Fallea RIP	<i>Tina Alongi</i>
Sunday 30th	St Joseph	8.00am	Mass Nicci Dell RIP	<i>Matthew Dell</i>
		11.00am	Mass Iris King RIP	<i>Win king</i>
		6.00pm	Mass wawerian Brandon RIP	
	St Edward	9.00am	Mass James Griffin RIP	<i>Hilary Taylor</i>
		2.00pm	Marriage of Elizabeth Chorley & Benedict Edwards	
	St Pius X	9.30am	Mass Dominic Sharpe RIP	<i>Angela Sharpe</i>
St Mary	11.00am	Mass Edilma Quintero RIP	<i>Julian</i>	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year "C"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

THE COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

FIRST READING (Micah 5: 1-4)

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to your help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand is planted. **R**

May your hands be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 10: 5-10)

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says:

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 1: 39-44)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family: Year "C"

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3: 12-21

Luke 2: 41-52
