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Third Sunday of Advent – 11th/12th December 2021 Year C

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 11th December	5-00PM	Asiong and Lourdes Derama and Richard Derama	Third Sunday of Advent
Sun 12th	8-30AM	Taft Family deceased	
	11-00AM	People of the Parish	
Mon 13th	NO MASS		St Lucy
Tues 14th	12-30PM	Rose Ellen McCann (Anniversary)	St John of the Cross
Wed 15th	9-00AM	Intentions of Dr Adegoke	
Thurs 16th	9-00AM	Christine Conway (Birthday)	
Fri 17th	9-00AM 7-00PM	Intentions of Geraldine Hyde Holy Souls	
Sat 18th	10-00AM	Mary Lee	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	5-00PM	Anthony Harwick (Anniversary)	
Sun 19th	8-30AM	People of the Parish	
	11-00AM	Amy and Ted Baker	

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RECENTLY DEPARTED – Terence Morrissey – Funeral Mass Tuesday 21st December at 3pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES –

Christmas Masses this year will be as follows:

Christmas Eve at 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm

Christmas Day at 8-30am and 11am

The following day, Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family -Masses at 8-30am and 11am (NB NO Vigil Mass)

There will be **NO** booking required for Masses this Christmas. Usual hygiene and safeguarding requirements will be observed. Please pick up a card with these details today and pass onto neighbours, friends and family.

CONFESSIONS – Fr Philip is available for confessions after any Mass. Please speak to one of the stewards.

DIVINE MERCY – After Mass on Thursday **ADORATION** - After Saturday 10am Mass until 11am

GROWING IN FAITH – Will restart on Wednesday 5th January in the Parish Centre. More details to follow.

COVID 19 GUIDANCE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

- Anyone displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- A mask must be worn at all times in Church unless you have a medical exception.
- Hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case. please wear warm clothes.
- Encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able.

- Anyone engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

All of the above are in place to protect ourselves and others in Church. All of our stewards have carried out a lot of hard work to ensure that our Church remains open during the ongoing pandemic, for Christmas and into the New Year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH SVP GROUP - Just to advise you that our Parish St Vincent de Paul Group, that in these extremely demanding times, that we are still very much in business. Although it has been necessary to limit our visits to people, we have kept in touch by telephone. As Christmas approaches, we are planning to deliver gifts to all we visit and others who require assistance of varying levels. This has been mainly due to Parishioners who have made donations during the pandemic, enabling this valuable work in our Parish to provide for others who have not been forgotten. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you again

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

Pope Francis has called for the Church to engage in a time of listening, reflection and discernment after an unprecedented time of disruption caused by the Covid pandemic. This process is called the Synodal Pathway.

All parishes are invited to gather, listen actively to one another and reflect on what is said. This is not a time for discussion but of openness to one another, and to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The 3 areas for reflection are;

- 1 Communion – the life of the Church, it's place in our lives,
- how we listen to one another.
- are all people included in parish life?
- our concerns for the Church.
- 2 Participation - what the Mass means to us
- the place of prayer in our lives.
- do we involve everyone in parish life.
- do we use everyone's gifts and talents.
- 3 Mission - how can we as a parish help those around us.
- do we feel able to share our faith with others.
- are we able to help those in need.
- what is God's plan for our parish?

All parishioners are encouraged to be a part of this process of consultation and reflection.

We will be reflecting on these in the New Year at the following times

- Communion – 8th- 22nd January
Participation - 23rd January – 5th February
Mission - 6th- 20th February.

Meeting will be held, and feedback forms will also be available to you to submit your reflections.

Everyone's opinion is valued and needed, non-judgmentally,

- Individuals
- Families
- Interest/working groups
- Schools
- People of other denominations/faiths or none.