

Fourth Sunday of Advent 18th December - 2016

St. Anne's Catholic Church

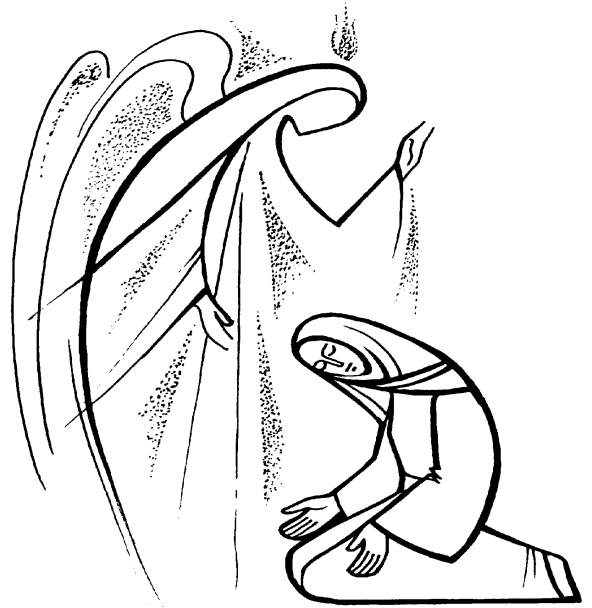
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*Jesus is born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.
Matthew 1:18-24*



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS - 18th-25th December 2016

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 18th Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Paddy & Peggy Conaty & Allan Thompson
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 19 th Dec		10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tue 20 th Dec		10.00am	Ints. Ladies' Guild. Ints. of Pawel Ziotkowski
Wed 21 st Dec	St. Peter Canisius	10.00am	No Mass
Thur 22 nd Dec		10.00am	Lesley Armstrong
Fri 23 rd Dec	St. John of Kanty	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 24 th Dec		5.30pm	Stephen Graham
Sun 25th Dec	Nativity of the Lord	10.00am	Austin McElhatton

Confessions after Saturday morning Mass {10.45am}

Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday

Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

Welcomers

18th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Ann
25th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Elsie

Mass Readers

18th Dec

10.30am Michael Donnelly

25th Dec

10.30am Nicola Cant

Church Cleaners

Two weeks commence 18th Dec
Group {A}
Kathleen Kelly; Marie Carter;

Sanctuary Candle: 18th – 24th Dec

Church: Joan Stephenson
ILM Mark Watson

Chapel: Karen Clark

ILM Morris, Duckworth &
Temple Families

Sanctuary Candle: 25th -31st Dec

Church: Margaret Wright
ILM Sarah & Arthur Southwick

Chapel: Karen Clark

ILM Clark & Tracy Families

Communion Ministers

18th Dec

10.30am Pat Thompson; Alan Archer;
Jack Ferrer;

5.30am Charlie Rafferty;

25th Dec

10.00am Christine Hodgkinson; Goff Ellis;
John Consterdine;

5.30pm No Mass

200 Club Week Winner Wk 49 No 50

11th Dec. Offertory Coll'n £267.31

Vigil Mass: 1st Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:1-25

Christmas Day: 1st Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 52:7-10

2nd Reading Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel According to John 1:1-18

SICK CLERGY: Your continued prayers are asked for Fr. Leo Coughlin and Fr. David Tanner who are quite ill at the moment and all our clergy who are suffering ill-health at this time.

KEVIN BAYNE RIP: It was with heavy hearts that we heard the news that Kevin had been taken to heaven. Our deep thoughts and prayers are with his grieving and distraught family at this very sad time. After the funeral ,we will have a special Mass for the repose of his soul on a date suitable for his family. Margaret and Alan were home for a few days but have now returned to Norfolk until early January.

SCHOOL MASS: Please note that our school children and staff will be with us this Thursday for Mass at 10.00 am in St. Anne's Church. We hope many parishioners will be able to join us.

MASS INTENTIONS: You will be aware that we welcome regular Mass intentions and that the stipends now are used to strengthen parish funds. Bishop's House instructs us that the usual stipend be £10, but any size Mass offering will be readily accepted. The wherewithal should be no barrier to having a Mass said for one's intentions.

PARISH MEETING: The inaugural meeting of the new Parish Committee has been arranged for Thursday 12th January at 7.00pm in St. Anne's Church Hall. Although this meeting is primarily for the elected representatives of the various groups in the parish, anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Someone handed in £10.00 with raffle ticket stubs at evening Mass on Sunday 27th November after the raffle had taken place. As it was too late, the tickets did not go into the draw. If you are that person or know who it was, please collect your money from the Piety Shop. If the money is not returned to its owner, this will go into parish funds.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS: We are urgently in need of extra people to help clean and prepare the Church for Christmas. If you are willing to help, please leave your name at the back of church with contact details and someone will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient time. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas Flowers, please see either Elsie or Debbie. Thank you.

ADVENT: Today we are asked to pray especially for Expectant Mothers.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Christmas Eve {24th December} 5.30pm: Solemn Chief Christmas Mass; **Christmas Day {25th December} 10.00am.** Please note carols will punctuate the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30pm. **Please note there will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group will have a break over Christmas and will meet again on Thursday 5th January at 6.30pm. Do not forget to brush up on your Bible.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next session for the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this evening Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall, Low Fell. Anyone aged 14 years and over please contact Fr. Kelly if you wish to join the programme.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2017: The weekend of 5th -7th May is yet to be confirmed from Elmham House. There are only 37 places allocated to us. Anyone seriously wanting to go, there is a list at the back of Church [14 places still available]. When confirmation is given from Walsingham, a deposit of £22.00 [**non-refundable**] will be required so we can proceed with the booking [this is an Elmham House stipulation]. The approximate cost of the weekend will be £136.00. Pat Watson [Tel: 01207 581847; mobile: 07711091563].

CHAPEL ADORATION: Please note the Chapel will close from Tuesday 13th December and will re-open for Adoration on January 9th 2017.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Each year FHL supports over 2,000 needy Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Giving to FHL this Christmas means helping preserve a sustainable future for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support and generosity.

DEANERY CONFESSION SERVICE: Father K. appreciates that Confession has gone off the radar of Catholic life. We are all the poorer as a result, as in sin , however small, weakens God's work and Church. No-one can really grow in God's love without confession and the Christian humility that is needed. So please consider attending the Sacrament of Confession for Christmas. Confessions are available every Saturday morning after 10.00am Mass. For Christmas there will be a Confessional Service at St. Augustine's Church, Leam Lane, on Wednesday 21st December at 7.00pm. We hope you will make a special effort to attend.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: The Social Committee would like to thank all those who helped with the Christmas Social evening, £218.32 was raised for Parish funds.

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504,487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES GUILD meet every Monday 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meet every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome
THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St. Oswald's.
SARDINES AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month, Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit'