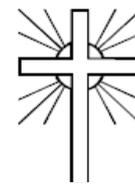


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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2021

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## **Fr Martin writes, RIP**

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Philomena Minshull, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Mrs Minshull's funeral Mass will be celebrated, God willing, at St Mary Crowned at 11.30am on Wednesday.

## **Prayers for Peace for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **A Personal Prayer for Peace**

Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

*Lord, I invite your peace to rule my heart! As I end this year and reflect on your many gifts you have given me; let my heart be encouraged with the truth that you are a good God. I thank you for sending your Son to die for me. I thank you for the peace I have through you. May my words and actions be ones that glorify you. Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Peace for Our World**

Psalms 29:11 says, "The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."

*Lord, would you bring your strength and peace to your people! Would your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of mankind towards you.*

*We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer. Amen.*

**CAFOD** is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives.

You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**Joint Parish Pastoral Council:** There is a vacancy on the Pastoral Council due to the recent retirement from the council of one of the members due to other commitments. A new member is sought for the remainder of the term which will end in 2023.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to our parish community through the PPC should speak to either Father Martin or Ann King who will provide copies of the constitution and nomination form for this role.

## **Christmas Mass Times:**

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve:**

SMC, 5.45pm, Carols

SMC, 6.00pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day:**

ASC, 10.30am, Christmas Day Mass

## **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45**

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary.

Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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<b>The Week Ahead</b> (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church)	
<b>Parish Mass Book: This weekend's Readings: p.90, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.12</b>	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	Advent Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil Mass) (The Holy Souls)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.15am,</b> <b>11.15am,</b> <b>3.30pm,</b> <b>5.00pm,</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The Ryan and O'Neill Families RIP (PT)) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>ASC The Baptism of Annie Tierney</b> <b>ASC Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	Advent Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Robert Smith RIP - Anniversary (AR))
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wed'sday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>11.30am,</b>	Advent Feria <b>SMC Funeral Mass of Philomena Minshull RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	St John of Kanty, Priest <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Muriel Doyle Barnes RIP (BB))
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5.45pm,</b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	Advent Feria <b>SMC Carols</b> <b>SMC Vigil Mass of Christmas</b> (Cynthia Warburton – Christmas Blessing (BB))
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am,</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>ASC Christmas Day Mass</b> (Anthony and Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon RIP (SMF)) <i>Please note that there will be no 6pm Mass at ASC today</i> <i>Confessions: the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January, God willing</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.15am,</b> <b>11.15am,</b>	<b>The Holy Family - Feast</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Tony Payne RIP (BP))
<b><u>Forthcoming Events in the Parishes:</u></b> <b>GLOSSOP ROSARY:</b> We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December with the Glorious Mysteries, and for the week commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> December with the Joyful Mysteries. <b>Volunteers required to help clean St Mary's church</b> on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December from 10.30am - stay as long as you can. Please bring some cleaning products-we have mops, buckets, brushes, disposable gloves and aprons. Thank you. <b>Christmas Roses:</b> We are planning to decorate our churches with roses for our loved ones again this Christmas. Please leave £1 for each rose you would like to buy in the basket at the back of your church, Thank you. <b><u>Covid-19: Government Plan B:</u></b> The Government announced during the past week the move to their 'Plan B' in order to control the spread of the new variant of Covid-19. Plan B covers a number of areas of guidance for public action. <b>As a result, the use of face coverings in public places, including places of worship, is once again mandatory. These should be worn throughout your time on church premises.</b> Face masks, as well as hand sanitiser, are available at the entrances of our churches. Please be aware that following the guidance helps to restrict the spread of the virus, and protects not only oneself but others too, a goal that we as Christians embrace willingly. Any further changes to the guidance which affect our churches will be provided as soon as is possible. <b><u>HELPING HANDS:</u></b> During the pandemic, 'Helping Hands' has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection as well as other requests. Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house. <b>CONTACT:</b> Wynne or Rob.	