**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**12 December Saturday**

**5pm 3rd Sunday of Advent**

*Anna Dornan – RIP*

**13 December Sunday**

**10.30am 3rd Sunday of Advent**

 *Emmanuel Onyechi – RIP*

**6pm 3rd Sunday of Advent**

 *People of the Parish*

14 December Monday

**9.15am**  St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

 *Hughgill family – Thanksgiving*

15 December Tuesday

**9.15am** *Hughgill family – Thanksgiving*

16 December Wednesday

**9.15am** *Hughgill family – Thanksgiving*

17 December Thursday

**9.15am** *Amelia and Lukas – Birthday Blessings*

18 December Friday

**9.15am** *Arthur Lim – Studies*

**19 December Saturday**

**5pm 4th Sunday of Advent**

 *Annie Nolan*

**20 December Sunday**

**10.30am 4th Sunday of Advent**

**6pm 4th Sunday of Advent**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Show mercy to us, loving Father.

We have sinned against you, please make us anew.

In your love and your grace you forgive us,

Lord have mercy (2x)

Look not on our failings, Lord Jesus.

We have sinned against you, please make us anew.

By your life and your death you redeem us,

Christ have mercy (2x)

Come fill our hearts, Holy Spirit,

We have sinned against you, please make us anew.

Forgive us and heal us and save us,

Lord have mercy (2x)

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**P: The mass today is one of joy because we know that Christ is coming. Let us now share this joy of Christ being with us by praying for the needs of the world.**

Let us pray for members of the Church who feel cut off from Christ’s love. May they come to share in his life and follow him. Lord, hear us... ℟

Let us pray for those who guide the affairs of the world. May they seek example and encouragement in Christ’s word. Lord, hear us... ℟

For the Church, that it may be a true source of guidance. Lord, hear us... ℟

For all who need a good example. Lord, hear us... ℟

For those who need to find Christ close at hand. Lord, hear us... ℟

We now pray in silence for our own needs and the needs of the church. (Pause to pray for local and personal needs) Lord, hear us… ℟

Our Lady was deeply grateful to God for the gift of her Son. May we share her joy as we say. **Hail Mary…**

**P: Father, we your people are often unfaithful to you and yet you always love us. We pray that we may learn to appreciate and be grateful for all your gifts.**

**We make this prayer …**

**SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes,

who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

***This week’s second collection is for flowers for the church. Next week’s second collection will be for the crib. Thank you for your generosity.***

**New Parishioners**

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners. After Mass could you please take a few minutes to fill out a form at the foyer with your name and contact details and return it to Fr Azad. Thank you.

**Holy Communion & Confirmation**

We request those parents who wish to have their children prepared for these two Sacraments please see Fr. Azad about it. Holy Communion at 8 years and confirmation at 12 years. If the children are not baptised we will first need to prepare and later baptise them.

**Seeking the Catholic Faith Programme**

Anyone wishing to become Catholic please speak to Fr. Azad.

**Children’s Catechism**

This week will be the last Catechism session for the year. We will start again in 2016.

**Children’s Liturgy**

We need helpers for the Children’s Liturgy on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass. If you can help, please contact Helene at 0754 094 0521 or Karen at 07979 307 372. Thank you for helping our children grow in the faith.

**Readers At Mass**

We are appealing for more people to join the reading ministry in the parish. May God bless you as you help your parish in this way. Contact Alex at 07595596377 to join church reader’s rota. Speak to Fr Azad after mass for more information.

**Cleaning the Church**

Father wants to meet with those currently helping with the cleaning of the church after mass. We are currently looking for people who would like to help with cleaning the church. See Father after mass for more info.

**Church Cleaning Rota**

Group 3 will be on duty this week (Friday or Saturday)

If you cannot make it, please arrange for a replacement. Thank you for your great help.

**Readers’ Rota**

If you cannot make it, please arrange for a replacement.

**Gift Aid Envelopes**

Please join the Gift Aid scheme if you pay income tax. We need the support from everybody who pays tax. We recommend Gift-Aiding via a standing order for your constant support. It may cost you nothing and your constant support helps with the upkeep of the church. For any enquiries please contact Fr Azad or Gabriel Guckian at 020 7252 0991

**Christmas Offertory**

Envelopes are now available for the Christmas offertory at the foyer

**Christmas One-Off Gift Aid Donation**

These will be available on request.

**French Charismatic Christmas party.**

This will be after evening mass Sat 19th December

**Polish Night**

Thank you to the organisers and those who made this a memorable night

**Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no adoration this month.

**Adult Christmas Choir**

Practices are after Sunday morning masses. The next practice session will be on Sun 20th Dec after Sunday morning mass.

**Children’s Christmas Choir**

The next practice session will be on Sat 19th Dec from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

**Children’s Christmas Party**

The children’s Christmas party will be on the 20th December. Please fill out the form in the foyer with your name, contact details and the food you will be bringing. Speak to Fr Azad for more details.

**Christmas Raffle**

The grand prize is a 3-course meal for 4 with champagne and wine. There are several other prizes for you to win. Raffle tickets will be sold after each mass at £1 each. The raffle winners will be drawn and announced after morning mass on Sun 20th December.

**Christmas Programme**

**23 December Wednesday**

 **Weekday Mass** **9.15am**

 Confession 10.30am

**24 December Thursday**

 **Weekday Mass 9.15am**

 Confession 10.30pm

 Carols 11pm

 **Christmas Midnight Mass 11.30pm**

**25 December Friday**

 **Christmas Morning Mass 11am**

 **Christmas Evening Mass 6pm**

**New Year Mass**

**31 December Thursday**

 **Weekday Mass 9.15am**

 **New Year’s Eve Mass 11pm**

**1 January Friday**

 **New Year’s Day Mass 11am**

**Prayers For The Sick**

*Tom Hughes, Theresa Benson, Catherine Tomlin, Jim Walsh, Francis Allen, Freddie Fusco, William Guckian, Nerville, Francis McGilligan, Maria Gordon, Alice Mbeng Bessong, Gerald and Rose McLaughlin, Doris Rodriguez, Maria Jose Pereira, Eugenio Pereira, Noel Guckian, Patricia Bron, Jorgen Bredesen, Ferrari, and Georgio.*

**Last Week’s Collection £453.38**

Tea and coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Come and meet your fellow parishioners. The more the merrier!