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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

The Park and the P		
SAT 06 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	18:30	CONRAD HARRIS – GOOD HEALTH INTENTION
SAINT NICHOLAS		
Sun. 07 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	09:30	DANIEL DELRIEUX - RIP
	11:00	FRANCISZEK JOSEF TANAS – RIP
		RITA MAE WAUGH - RIP
	18:30	MARY PURSELL – INTENTIONS
		JEAN MARIE COLIN – GOOD HEALTH INTENTION
Mon. 08 <sup>™</sup> Dec.	08:00	
THE IMMACULATE	10:00	PERRY GARCIA & FAMILY-INTENTIONS
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED	18:00	FR LUKE'S INTENTION
VIRGIN MARY		
Tue. 09™ Dec.	08:00	
ST JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN	10:00	DENISE O'DRISCOLL – RIP
St John Roberts		NICHOLAS CLANCY - RIP
WED. 10 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	
OUR LADY OF LORETO	10:00	CHRIS MC CARTHY – RIP
		PAT FLANNERY - RIP
	17:00	ADORATION
THU. 11 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	
SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE,	10:00	FR WENNA HENRY TIKU - RIP
FRI. 12 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	
ST JOHN ALMOND, PRIEST MARTYR	12:00	MICHAEL HICKEY – RIP
		EDWARD, ANGELA & LORNA LOBO - RIP
SAT. 13 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	D. M OF FRIEL & CAMPBELL FAMILIES
SAINT ‡ LUCY, VIRGIN AND	09:00	ADORATION
MARTYR,	10:00	FR HENRY - RIP
	18:30	CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR O'DEA &
		O'SULLIVAN FAMILIES
SUN. 14 <sup>™</sup> DEC.	08:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
GAUDETE SUNDAY	09:30	JANE PAWY - WAIN - CHRISTMAS INTENTION
	11:00	JOSEPH FERNANDES - RIP
	18:30	

Confessions: Saturday - 10.30 am to 11:15 am; 6pm to 6.25pm

**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:** 

Every day: 7am-8am

Wed.:5pm-7.30pm & Sat. 9am.

## No Gloria during Advent



Fr Luke's 71st Anniversary Of Ordination & 97th Birthday

Happy Birthday Fr Luke .Please join Fr Luke for Mass at 6pm followed by a light refreshment in the hall, please something to share.

Monday 8th December: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Solemnity- Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 8am, 10am & 6pm



Memorial Mass – Fr Wenna Henry Tiku – RIP: Sat.13th Dec 10am. Please join us and the family for Mass and refreshments.

Funeral - Louis Mann on 18th December at 12 noon Our deepest Condolences to Anne, Nick Mann, and to their family and friends. Cards For Christmas and New Year's Services

Please take one Service Card giving information regarding Christmas and New Year will take place as usual on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please join us for carols and Masses. It is available on the table in the Porch. Thank you.



Nativity - Rehearsals Monday 08th December at 4.40pm

If you enjoy acting and would like to join the cast of this year's Nativity play (6-16 Years old), please contact the parish Office: carshalton@rcaos.org.uk

Also if you have a doll and costumes in a very good condition (angels, shepherds, kings, Mary, Joseph, stars...) you would like to give away, please bring it to the Office. Thank you.



A round of applause and a massive Thank you to:

Maria Ysabel Garcia & Joseph Mc Donagh for the design and the cutting of the figures and putting together the crib outside. We thank also everyone who donated and helped with the decorations to make our church very special for the festive season.

### Journey in Faith - Rite of Welcome

At the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for our Journey in Faith group. This is the first formal step on their way to being received into the Catholic Church next Easter. Please pray for Ben, Dan, Jill, John, Jonathan, Megan, Mehdi and Morksha.



BIBLE STUDY - Monday 15th December at 7.30pm

A meal embedded in Scripture in preparation for Christmas. Please join us for a meal together and listen to Scripture, eat and pray.

Bring food and drinks of your choice to share, Parish hall. All welcome. For more information contact Cherryl carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk

#### RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) Registration Now Open!

A Special Invitation to Your Child's faith Journey. If you have a child age 7 to 17 who has not been baptised, or who missed receiving their First Holy Communion at the usual age, we invite them to join our RCIC programme. This is a beautiful journey to grow in faith. To register, please contact our Catechetical Baptism Lead: Natacha 079 2288 4692 Carshaltonbaptism@rcaos.org.uk

### Children's Liturgy Group – Sunday 9.30 am Mass

We raised £231.45 for our Fall Bake Sale - Thank you for your support and generosity! It will go towards our parish parties and half-termly crafts to enrich our children's faith journeys. A copy of the accounts (from March 25 to date) is available on the Parish Hall Notice Board.

Mark the date for our Christmas Party after the 9.30am Mass on Sun 14 December **2025**. Please contact Esme through the Parish Office if you can contribute or volunteer, carshalton@rcaos.org.uk .Thank you for your support!



## Young Adults' Mass - 14 December at 6.30pm

Please join other young adults for Mass, followed by refreshments, and activities. If you would like to read, sing or participate in the organisation, please email the Parish Office. Thank you.



YOUTH GROUP: Sun. 7th December 12pm -2pm: FAITH, FOOD & FUN Christmas Party

Age group: 11-17. Co-ordinator: Cherryl Howlett (Parish Lead for formation). carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk

### Christmas Carols Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm

readings in the Church and afterwards in the Parish Centre for mulled wine and mince

#### Advent Service 7:30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

A service of praise, readings and prayers as we prepare our hearts to welcome our Lord Jesus this Christmas, festive refreshments in the hall. Confessions from 7pm.

#### PACT - High Down Prison – Toys Appeal – Deadline Sunday 14<sup>Th</sup> Dec.

Over the last couple of years, you have kindly donated Christmas gifts for prisoners to give to their children when they visit them in prison around Christmas time. We are starting to prepare for the festive season. Your gifts were very much appreciated. We are hoping that you will be able to donate again this year. Please label them with age appropriateness. With your help, we can make the festive period a little brighter for families. Thank you.

#### Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published.

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and also in the porch



## \*\*Simbang Gabi Novena Masses!\*\*

We warmly invite you to participate in a special Novena of Masses from Dec.16 to Dec. 24, held every evening at 7:30 PM at St. Teresa's, Morden. 'Simbang Gabi' is a cherished nine-day devotional series of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Join our Filipino community in these joyful celebrations! The Mass will be conducted in

English, followed by a delightful sharing of Filipino foods/drinks in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

#### Christmas Food Bank (St Elphege's Church) Sunday, 14 December 2025

Our Christmas Food Bank will be open to anyone in need in the Wardroom from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Toys and clothing will also be available.

Please invite someone who may need support to stop by. All are warmly welcome.

#### **Advent Season**

We are in the Holy season of Advent. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This Season is an opportunity to make Christmas a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome him anew into our hearts.

#### Holy Father's Prayer Intention December: 'For the Christians in areas of conflict.'

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope,"

#### May they rest in peace:

Remember those who died recently, Louis Mann, Bridgid Murphy, Maria Leggett, Margaret Morton, Doreen Mary Charlish, Pat Flannery, Mama Anie Dona, Harvey Watson, Margaret Collier, Francesca Morreale, Pope Francis, Fr Wenna Henry Tiku, Mary Coghlan, ...

Remember to pray for those who are sick, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community: Catherine Main - Ian, Louis Mann, Pat Walmsley, Sidney Brown, Norah Sheridan, Kathleen Brown, Mary Pierse, Edna Thornton, Mary Dolan, Doris D'Souza, Clara Pinto...



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