

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Saturday[V]	19 th December	6.00pm	John Gibson	RIP
Sunday	20 th December	9:00am	Edward Queenan	RIP
		10:15am	Hugh Hickland	RIP
		5:00pm	Parish's Intentions	
Monday	21 st December	10.00am	Ron Millington	RIP (St.. Peter of Canisius. Priest. Doctor)
Tuesday	22 nd December	10.00am	NO MASS	
Wednesday	23 rd December	10:00am	Pat & Teresa Ball INT	

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday	24 th December	6.30pm	Nativity (ZOOM)	Childrens Mass
*		8.00pm	Jennifer Fortune	RIP Vigil Mass
**		11.00pm	For the Lonely in this Pandemic SP INT Midnight Mass	
Friday	25 th December	9:00am	Father Benedict	INT Christmas Day
*		10.15am	Mary Jewitt	RIP

HOLY FAMILY of JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

Saturday[V]	26 th December	6.00pm	Mc Gill Family	INT (St Stephens. First Martyr)
Sunday	27 th December	9:00am	Roberts & Cleeve Family	INT
		10:15am	Veronica Gallagher	RIP
		5:00pm	Parish's Intentions	

Coll: £504.58 Att: =: P/P]; Exc Bank Draughts (Gift/Aid: £1.=£1:25p); Grotto £412.08 Romania: Grand Total £1574.85].

SACRAMENTS OR RITUAL MASSES: All Baptisms, Marriages are suspended for now. For Funerals, or House calls/Holy Communion, Please contact the Office.

CONFESSIONS: Sat: 5.15–5.45pm, or at call. **ROSARY:** 15mins before each Holy Mass.

COFFEE, etc: Suspended. **ADORATION:** Every Saturday 12noon to 3:00pm

HOLY SOULS': Box for donations at the back of Church, envelopes for intentions.

FOOD BANK: Contact Fr Benedict. [No perishable food please.]

REPOSITORY: Birthday Cards & Mass Cards, Rosaries, etc in St Andrew's room.

SVP: Info/visits/New Members, contact John Corcoran on 866721.

SACRAMENTS & GIFT AID FORMS: Available at the back of Church.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS: Universe, Catholic Internet Radio & Catholic International

News. See www.universecatholicradio.com & www.catholicnews.org.uk

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY: UK: Visit www.CatholicDirectory.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR:[Clergy]: Rev Frs: Leszek Seweryn, Julian Shurgold, Michael Sileshi, Malcolm Smeaton, Canon Luke Smith, Philip Smith, Peter Soares. **DEAD/RIP:** Please remember all those who have died recently. **RIP ANNIVERSARIES:[Clergy]:** Revv Frs. Francis Corley, John Pecham, Douglas White, Terence Spaczynski, Kevin Pelham, David Maher, Aubrey Conway, Edmund Grady, Charles Tritschler, Robert Gould, Arthur Mostyn, John Elliott, John Walsh, Andrew Donnelly, Bishop Francis Walmsley. **(PARISH):** Angela Laws, Michael Hickey, Gilbert Rouillard, Gordon Morrison, Mary McMahon, Iain Field, Hannah Acklesimer, Dominic Welhan, Nellie Egan, Florence Boardman, Frances Martin, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ADVENT CANDLE PRAYERS:

Priest: May your hearts be filled with joy as you hear the song of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

Priest _Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy.

(A person now lights the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy)

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love, as we remember Mary the mother of Jesus.

Priest: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. Blessed be God for ever.

(Light the fourth purple candle now.)

Priest: Let us pray:

All: Alleluia, alleluia. Mary Mother of Jesus, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY: 24th Dec. @6pm. We are very happy to announce that this will be done virtually on Zoom. This will be in conjunction with The Crown of Thorns charity. Scripts will be sent to interested families. Please contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Are available to buy from the Repository, please see Mick Wells. Alternatively between 10.30 and 2.30pm on Monday & Wednesday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION: Please contact Father Benedict via email.

CHRISTMAS AID FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY: Thank you, for your ongoing support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: To book spaces, please go to the parish Facebook page, or by using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-eve-and-christmas-day-masses-tickets-130723420269> and follow the instructions.

CRIBS: Available at the back of the church, kindly fill in the form.

CONFESSIONS: will be available after every mass, also between 5.30pm & 6.30pm during Christmas week, up until the 23rd December.



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We, the Parishioners of St. Lawrence the Martyr's Parish, Edenbridge, seek to continue to give witness to God's inclusive love, by welcoming and respecting everyone, whether they be rich or poor, whatever their age, race, creed, gender, place of birth, occupation, abilities, disabilities, or health needs.

O glorious St Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon, who, being subjected to the most bitter torments, didst not lose thy faith nor thy constancy in confessing Jesus Christ, obtain in like manner for us such an active and solid faith, that we shall never be ashamed to be true followers of Jesus Christ, and fervent Christians in word and in deed. Amen

Intro into the Scriptures: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Samue7:1-5.8-12.14.16: Once settled into his own house, King David had the idea of building a house also for his God. Perhaps he may have forgotten the wilderness experience when God journeyed with his people! The house God will build will be with living stones, those who believe him. Through the birth of Christ God will at last place his tent among men.

Romans: 16: 25-27: The letter to the Romans ends as it has begun, with praise of God. Paul, who had devoted his life to evangelising the pagans, expresses his admiration, as a missionary, for the way in which God had offered salvation to all, through the obedience of faith. This plan, hidden from the beginning in the heart of God, has been shown forth in Jesus Christ.

Luke: 1: 26-38: Isreal's long wait is achieved in Mary, true daughter of Zion. First of the line of Christians to engage herself, by her 'yes', in the adventure of faith, she enabled the Word of God to live among men. In this the flesh was of no avail, the Spirit alone works this marvel.

Lord fill us with your everlasting Love
Amen

Fr. Benedict.