

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Saturday[V] 5th December 6.00pm Rowena Leslie RIP
Sunday 6th December 9:00am Haydon Family INT
10:15am Thomas Maroney RIP
5:00pm Parish's Intentions

Monday 7th December 10.00am Denis Loney RIP (St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor)
Tuesday 8th December 10.00am Teresa Money RIP (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Wednesday 9th December 10:00am Peter Cahill RIP (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlātoatzin)
Thursday 10th December 10.00am No Mass
Friday 11th December 10:00am Anne Elizabeth Arbuthnott(R) (F) RIP (St Damasus 1. Pope)

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Saturday[V] 12th December 6.00pm Eilis Kate Fortune RIP
Sunday 13th December 9:00am Slack Family INT
10:15am Deidre McShane
5:00pm Parish's Intentions

Coll:£ Att: =£0.00: 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:Pope Francis, Archbishop John Wilson, Vincent Cardinal Nicholas, Seminarians: Matthew Donnelly, Michael Etuka, Joseph Gulliford, David Hunter, Allan MacDonald, Giovanni Prandini. **DEAD/RIP:** Please remember all those who have died recently.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES:[Clergy]: Revv. Daniel Holland, Walter Martin, John Hennessey, Deacon Antonio Cannavina. **(PARISH):** Kate Fortune, Ron Millington, John(Ian) Bennett, Michael Minett, Mary Jackson, Paul Oliver, Denis Law, Rachel Corcoran, Miles Warner, Desmond Kearns, Vilius Kalnas, Bina Wicker, Terry Plumer, Mona Burns, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ADVENT CANDLE PRAYERS

Priest: May your hearts be filled with peace as you hear the words of the prophet Isaiah who told of one who would be born the Prince of Peace.

All: Thanks be to God

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations.

(A person now lights the first candle)

Priest: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

All: Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever. *(A person now lights the second candle)*

All: Let us pray:

All: Lord God you spoke through your prophets and promised a kingdom of peace. We welcome you Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace and our hearts long for the establishment of your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Amen.

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: There is a wonderful selection of Christmas items, cards and beautiful candles available to buy from the Repository, which can be purchased from 2nd December please see Mick Wells. Alternatively between 10.30 and 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

THE FOOD BANK: Donations please between 29th Nov. to 13th Dec.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION: Please contact Father Benedict to register your child via email.

CHRISTMAS AID FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY: This year in order to help families with children in our community, we are imploring for donations towards Christmas hampers, ie. non perishable goods and Christmas items such as custard, tinned food, jars of sauce, biscuits, dry pasta, toiletries etc. For children's gifts some nice reading books, colouring books, colouring pens and pencils, puzzles etc. by Friday 11th December.

Thank you in advance 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.



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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

Isaiah: 40: 1-5, 9-11: The people of God are many times sinners, many times forgiven, many times exiled to distant lands and many times brought back to their own land by way of the desert. This tortured history of the covenant – whether old or new. Today, the good news consoles our repentant hearts: the Lord is about to return to lead his people.

Peter: 3: 8-14: If the final realisation of the new world is delayed, this is because God offers time for conversion. It has already begun however. We ought then to live in holiness today, in order to be found living lives without sin or fault on that day of the Lord, which is unknown to us.

Mark 1: 1-8: In Jesus Christ, it is once more God who leads his people across the desert to the promised land. No one arrives in that land without passing by water. Long ago, with Joshua, it was by the water of Jordan. At the beginning of the good news, it was with John by the baptism of repentance. Today, with Christ, it is by his Easter water and Baptism in the spirit.

Help us to prepare our hearts to receive you Lord Jesus.

Fr. Benedict.