

# St Teresa's Newsletter

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2016 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)



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## MASSES AND SERVICES:

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016 FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**  
5.30pm *David Caira*

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**  
8.00am *Sr Agatha, Samveer Pariss Baby Sebastian*  
9.30am (Wye) *People of the Parish*  
10.30am *Fortunata Pinheiro*

**SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**  
8.00am *Nick Holloway*  
9.30am (Wye) *People of the Parish*  
10.30am *Bernadine Price*

Mon. 5th 10.00am *Peter Berry*  
Tue. 6th 10.00am *Soona Joy*  
(Exposition and Rosary 10.30 to 11.00am)  
6.00pm (Wye) *Private Intention*  
Exposition and Rosary 5.30 to 6.00pm  
Wed. 7th ST AMBROSE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
10.00am *Margaret Knevett*  
Thur. 8th 10.00am *Norman Alexander,*  
Fri. 9th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
10.00am *Peter Farrell*  
Sat. 10TH 10.00am *Sadler Family Dec'd*  
5.30pm *Eric Caira*

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS: 10.30-11.30am 4.30-5.15pm

## THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Rodney, Baby Sebastian, Polly Jeffrey, Cyril Williams,  
Fr Wilf McGreal, Samveer Parris, Sr Agatha, Paul, Fr David Hutton,  
Marta Thompson, Fr John O'Callaghan, Kathy Collar, Halina Heather,  
Bernadine Price, Elsie Tomkins, Bernard Claw, Emma Crozier, Ann Carter,  
Gary Davison, Sue Wall, Bridget Gunn, Pauline Runciman, Doreen Gabin,  
Tom Pelham, Mary Wells, Joan Bright, Pat Hamedy, Felicity Gliddon,  
Liam O'Connor, Kay Kilby, David Lavelle, Maureen Moloney, Brian Vickery,  
Alice Ault, Debbie, Maureen Anderson, Sarah Weston, Marilyn Mahlberg,  
Mark Haberland, Jane Rutter, Myrna Coleman, George & Teresa Ashby,  
David Robbins, Catherine Keane, Licia Johnston, John Lydon, Peter Laker,  
Fr. David Peck, Sharon Mooney

## ANNIVERSARIES



**O GOD GRANT ETERNAL REST TO:**

Patrick McCloskey, Philip Jones, Annie Ikeson, Walter Ikeson, Thomas  
Tomasik, Alfred Matthews, Elizabeth Steele, John Jolliffe,  
Elsie Geering, Peter Light, James Kelleher, Alice Woods, Margaret Baker,  
Marguerite Coles, Patience Kidd, Etienne Dunnet, William Breen,  
Bridget Walsh, Daisy Stiffell, William Walsh, and all whose  
anniversaries occur at this time.

**FR RODNEY** is very grateful for the present support and prayers. The surgery went well, although the healing process will last for a further month or so.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** Once again we will be offering a Penitential Service in Advent. This year it will be on Saturday 10th December at 10.30am after the 10.00am Mass.

**'COME AND SEE' ADULT GROUP** Tuesday 6th December in the Priests' House at 7.30pm.

**READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Please pick up the rotas for Christmas and the next three months, available in the Church porch.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP ARE HOLDING** a Fair trade stall in the church hall after Mass **this weekend 3rd/4th December**. Fair trade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. It's about supporting the development of thriving farming and worker communities that have more control over their futures and protecting the environment in which they live and work. It's your opportunity to connect with the people who grow the produce that we all depend on. So please come and buy some goods coffee, tea, biscuits, chocolate, honey, cards and gifts. We will also have our annual signing of Christmas cards for Prisoners of Conscience in the hall. Please spare a moment and come and sign.

**ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be held on Saturday December 10th from 11.00am to 2.30 pm. All parishioners welcome. Come along to take part in crafts, games and other activities; buy toys and Christmas items; try your luck on the raffle and you might win £100; indulge in mince pies and mulled wine or cake and tea; meet friends and neighbours old and new. We will be hosting a special guest, Father Christmas and offer an opportunity to have your photo taken with him. All donations of Toys especially cuddly toys, books, cakes and unwanted gifts can be left at the school or at St Teresa's Church. There's something for all the family, so get into the festive spirit and join us at the school.

**YOUTH GROUP** meet Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** this Thursday 8th December at 8.00pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** this Saturday 10th December 10.30am in the Priests' House.

**DEMENTIA CAFÉ** meet Wednesday 7th December 10.00am-12noon in the church hall.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** Laurie Stiffell will be handing out Christmas Posters and will also be taking a retiring collection for the Seminary after all Masses, weekend of the 17th and 18th December.

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND** You may recall the campaign earlier this year which was sponsored by Archbishop Peter Smith to support the sick and retired priests of the Southwark diocese. The campaign has now achieved about half of the £4.5 million that was needed. There will be one final opportunity to give your support to the scheme. Over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th December excerpts of the video will be projected during Masses in St. Teresa's and St. Ambrose Churches. James Rossi and Jeremy Moon will be available to answer any questions at these masses. Information packs and Direct Debit forms will be available for you to complete. James and Jeremy can also be contacted on 07909 994 340 and 07944 252 364.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** Each day during Advent a reflection with a Stewardship theme based on the day's Mass reading can be found on the following website <http://eepurl.com/bP6Bp9>.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY: £1,345.12** (including £375 in Standing Orders  
**Counters:** This week: Karen and Andy Next week: Angela and Denis

**God of Life**  
We give thanks  
for all those people  
who are kind to us.  
Help us to be the best people  
that we can be,  
in preparation  
for the coming of your son Jesus.  
Amen.