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1st Sunday of Advent Year 2020, Year B

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Thursday	3 rd Dec	9.20 am (St. Francis Xavier)	Friday	4 th Dec	10.00am (St. John of Demascus)
Friday	4 th Dec	7.00 pm (St. John of Demascus)	Sun	6 th Dec	9.00am (2 nd Sunday of Advent)
Saturday	5 th Dec	5.30 pm			
Sunday	6 th Dec	11.00 am (2 nd Sunday of Advent)			
Benediction: Friday 6.30 pm			Benediction: Friday 9.30 am		
Confession: Saturday after Mass			Confession: Wednesday before Mass		
Mass Intentions: Sat (Arthur Stonely RIP, Abigail Benny B'day), Sun (Ivy Stonely & Thomas RIP, Chris, Meg Henderson), Mon (Brenda Faux & Ernie Taylor RIP), Tue (Rev. Donald Faux, Catherine Mawnachy, Suja Shaji), Wed (Jim Margeston RIP, Suja Shaji), Thu (Holy Souls, Jim Margeston, Symboli Gomez B'day), Fri (Holy Souls)			Mass Intentions: Fri (Suja Shaji)		

Church Reopens: Good news! Representatives of the Bishops' Conference have confirmed that places of worship will return to the same arrangements as before the lockdown in all Tiers. Therefore, from **Thursday 3rd December**, our Churches will be open for regular Masses. Please continue to wear face cover, sanitize your hands and keep social distance. We are also advised to keep the track and trace paper and do the temperature check.

Advent Reflection through ZOOM: Advent begins this Sunday, 29th November, but our churches will still be closed until **2nd December**. Therefore, I would like to invite you to take part in a **ZOOM meeting this Sunday at 4pm** and then each **Thursday at 7.00pm during Advent**. We will have a short reading from scripture followed by a reflection and prayer. The sessions will last for no longer than 30 minutes. **Zoom Meeting ID: 439152636, Password: 4a2emK**. We are grateful to Redemptorist Publications for allowing us to use the Stations of the Infancy by **Fr. Dennis McBride** for our reflections.

Christmas Gifts for the Needy: Many of you are kind enough to bring gifts to our Christmas Eve mass for children in the community who may not otherwise be fortunate enough to receive any. This year we would like to request that you bring gifts to the church at the earliest opportunity so that they can be sorted and distributed before Christmas. **Gifts should be wrapped and clearly marked with age please**. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

BEMA: We are planning to publish the BEMA Parish Magazine in time for Christmas, so we would like your contributions of articles of interest, recipes, jokes, puzzles etc., as soon as possible. As in previous years, we will also have a section for your Christmas messages to fellow parishioners. Donations of £5 (plus?) will be sent to CAFOD World Gifts. Any contributions to BEMA, including Christmas messages, can be sent to peter.gannaway14@gmail.com - or left in the box in the porch.. **Deadline 14 December**.

The Buckingham Food Bank is grateful for donations of the following foodstuffs. UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta and sauces, beans, noodles, cereal, tea, coffee, spaghetti in sauce, tinned or packet soup, long life juice, rice pudding, custard. Donations can be made at The Centre, Verney Close, every Tuesday morning, or you can **contact Kate 07831699209 or Maggy 07581780701** and they will collect.

Christmas Cards Available: Kindly look at the collection of Christmas cards displayed in the porch. The price is written at the back, and please put the money into the Repository Box that you will find on the wall.

CAFOD World Gifts: We have a very nice tradition of sending greetings to friends via the **BEMA Christmas Magazine** rather than cards. It is so much easier, gets to everyone in the Parish and raises money for CAFOD at the same time. The pandemic is at least as bad in the poorest countries of the world and your small contribution is really important. Let's give our brothers and sisters in need a meaningful Christmas present through **WORLD GIFTS** this year. **Ray McGowan**

NYMO invite all young adults to an online advent retreat. Open to all aged 18-35yrs, each Tuesday of Advent, beginning on **1st December between 8.00-9.30pm** join the team on zoom for a time of prayer, worship and reflection. Email hello@nymo.org for more information

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this Week: Fr. Jean Boileau, Ernest Taylor, Martin Duggan, Salvador Ripoll, Bohumila Hubackova, Charles & Marjori O'Shea, Eileen Cahalone, Joseph Keeley, Jacky Evans.



Last Week's Offertory Collection: St. Bernardine's: Nil

St. Martin: Nil

Thank You