# Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th December 2017



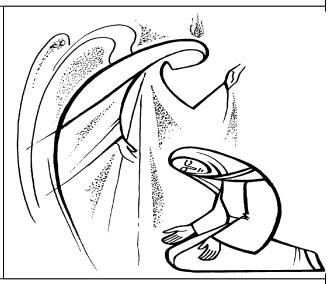
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Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son

Luke 1:26-38



## MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 24th - 31st December

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 24th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Geoff Bond (M&A.B)
	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5.30pm	ILM Alan & Wellbeing of Lena Archer (Choir)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity of the Lord	10.00am	Margaret Ireland
Tue 26th Dec	St. Stephen, First Martyr	10.00am	NBF
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	10.00am	L&D Members of Elliott & Ramshaw Families
Thur 28th Dec	The Holy Innocents	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (BC)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. Thomas Becket	10.00am	Intentions of Pries
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec		10.00am	NBF
Sun 31st Dec	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	10.30am	ILM Allan Thompson (PT)
		5.30pm	Mary & Louie (PC)

**Confession after Saturday morning Mass (10.45am)** Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

#### Welcomers

24th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Elsie 31st Dec; Rose-Elaine; Ann

#### **Mass Readers** 24th Dec

10.30am Goff Ellis

5.30pm Margaret Davidson

31st Dec

10.30am Michael Donnelly

#### **Church Cleaners**

Two weeks from 24th Dec-6th Jan Group {E} Karen Clark; Elaine Clark

## Sanctuary Candle: 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**Church:** Joan Stephenson ILM John Stephenson

Chapel: Maria & Pete ILM Lucy Stephenson

#### Sanctuary Candle: 31<sup>st</sup> Dec – 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Church: Margaret Wright

ILM Sarah & Arthur Southwick

Chapel:

# **Communion Ministers**

24th Dec

10.30am Nicola Cant; Kathleen Kelly; Margaret Bayne

5.30am Christine Hodgkinson; Joan Limer; Anthony Blake

31st Dec

10.30am Pat Thompson; Margaret Wright; Charlie Rafferty

5.30pm John Kelly

100+ Club Winner 17th Dec Wk 12 No 80/21 (£50 Maureen Linton £250 Sue Pearson) Offertory Coll. 10th Dec £281.19 Standing orders average £115 per week

1st Reading from the Book of Genesis 15:1-16,21:1-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

Wishing You all a Very Happy & Holy Christmas

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, (Christmas Eve); Mass 10.30am & Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass 5.30pm; Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, (Christmas Day); Mass 10.00am. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS <u>NO</u> EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

**LADIES' GUILD:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Guild re-opens: Natter Night; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Scattergories; 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Surprise Bingo.

**SICK CLERGY:** Please pray for Fr. James Doherty and Fr. Gary Dickson who are both ill and for all our clergy who are indisposed or incapacitated.

**JOHN LIMER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** John and his family would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes, gifts and cards, on the occasion of his recent special birthday.

**CHRISTMAS** is such a busy time of the year – it can be hard to set aside time to be still and pray. Everything can seem so last minute: shopping, preparing food, buying presents and wrapping them, etc. Preparing our hearts for the Birth of Christ may not be at the forefront of our minds and, indeed, may be far from our hearts. However, if we draw breath and make some time, are still and focus our gaze on the Baby soon to be born, God will richly bless us with his peace and joy. We wait in awe and anticipation – our hearts full of praise, wonder and glory at the Birth of the Saviour King.

**SLIMMING WORLD:** If you feel the need to lose a few pounds after all the Christmas celebrations, you can join Slimming World from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, from 6.30 – 9.30pm, in St. Anne's Church Hall. For further details contact: Caroline Hills on 07809220024.

**DAILY MASS:** Since we have many in our parish who are retired, Father K. would like to see more folk attend daily Mass. In the future, we may not be able to enjoy this privilege and so should do our best to avail of it, while it is available.

**FAIR TRADE:** TRAIDCRAFT products; teas, coffees, biscuits, are available to buy and order from the Traidcraft stall, at the back of Church after Mass. We hope you will support this excellent opportunity to help poor communities in the developing world, by paying them a fair price for the goods they produce. Thank you for your support.

**ADORATION IN CHAPEL:** Please note that Adoration in the Chapel of the Holy Souls, is now closed and will begin again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**PARISH PILRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** Fr. Kelly is organizing a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock, for 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Approximate cost is £390.00 per person. Travel will be by coach and ferry to Knock and accommodation (bed, breakfast and evening meal) in Knock, plus two excursions around the area. There are single and twin en-suite rooms available. Anyone who would like to join the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Kelly on 0191 4913722 or Pat Watson on 07711091563.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Applications are now welcome for entry to St. Anne's School in September 2018. You can apply online via Gateshead Council. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please note spaces are limited. See poster at back of Church for further details.

**GRANT A WISH TOKENS:** Pease note that there is a box at back of church for anyone wishing to donate Grant-a-Wish tokens to enable handicapped and disabled children to visit Lourdes at Easter. Thank you for your support.

A SMILE BEFORE CHRISTMAS: You know it is summer in Ireland when the rain gets warmer! "The little I know I owe to my ignorance. (GBS)
"I am a believer; sometimes I have doubts". (GBS)

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504,487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES GUILD meet every Monday 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meet every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome
THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St. Oswald's.
SARDINES AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month, Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit'