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Christmas is coming and this year we are particularly grateful to God as we now have an assistant priest to join our parish priest in serving our large parish community.

As is our tradition at Christmas, if you would like to offer a gift to our priests, you will find envelopes for doing so in our church porch.

Your Christmas offering envelope can be placed in the basket during the collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All offerings are greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your kind wishes and generosity!

Parish Priest: **Fr Dariusz Bialowas**
 Assistant Priest: **Fr Don Bosco Gunturu**
Confessions: Thursday & Friday 12.00pm – 12.30pm
Masses: Sunday at 9:30, 11:30, 5pm; Weekdays at 12:45
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Masses during the Season of Christmas

Friday 24 December 2021 Christmas Eve: 3 masses to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord: **12:45; 5pm; 10pm**
12:45: Mass
5pm: Family Mass with special blessing for the children
9:30pm Carol Service followed by
10pm Mass (in place of midnight mass)

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day: 3 masses
9:30am; 11:30am; 5pm

Sunday 26 December 2021: Feast of the Holy Family
9:30am; 11:30am; 5pm

Monday 27 December: St John The Apostle 12:45

Tuesday 28 December: The Holy Innocents 12:45

Wednesday 29 December: St Thomas Becket 12:45

Thursday 30 December: 6th Day of Christmas 12:45

Friday 31 December 2021: 7th Day of Christmas 12:45

Saturday 1 January 2022: Mary, Mother of God 12:45

Sunday 2 January 2022: 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9:30am; 11:30am; 5pm

Sunday 12 December 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sun 12 Dec 9:30	Thomas McNicholas – RIP Patrick McNicholas – RIP Danny O'Donnell – Anniversary RIP
Sun 12 Dec 11:30	Maureen Fitzgerald – RIP Noreen & Peter O'Donnell – Intentions
Sun 12 Dec 5pm	John Hole – Christmas Intentions Mick Cassidy - Christmas Intentions <i>Please remember Antoni Iacono RIP</i>
Mon 13 Dec 12:45	Marlyn Dias – Special Intentions Sessi, Seton & Grace Wusu -Intentions
Tues 14 Dec 12:45	Annie Murphy – RIP Maria McEvoy – Special Intentions
Wed 15 Dec 12:45	Bill Ring - Birthday Remembrance RIP Annie Murphy – Requiem Mass
Thur 16 Dec 12:45	Anna – Special Intentions Terry Timmons - Anniversary RIP
Fri 17 Dec 12:45	Fr Andrew Coy – Special Intentions Marie & Ray Scullion – Intentions Esther Dwyer – 1 st Anniversary RIP
Sunday 19 December – 4th Sunday of Advent	
9:30	All the Srs of St Clare & Friends of St Clare's Living & Deceased William Fitzgerald – RIP Mariampillai Savarimutthu – RIP
11:30	Ellen Fitzgerald – RIP Marion Fitzgerald – RIP
5pm	Betty & William O'Donnell - RIP Martin O'Donnell – RIP Paul Szczuryk - Birthday Remembrance RIP

Confessions during the Season of Christmas:

will be available at 12 noon every day from Monday 20th December until Friday 24 December 2021.

Our Repository will be open after each Sunday mass.

Christmas Dinner: anyone on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner is invited to join us at 1:30pm on Christmas Day at St John's R.C. Church Hall, 296 Sundon Park Rd. LU3 3AL. Call Mary: 07866 989254

Hospital & Home visit: A priest can be called to an end-of-life patient. Please ask the ward staff or Chaplaincy.

Thank you to all our volunteers who give up their free time to look after our lovely church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Rorate Mass by candlelight in honour of Our Lady on Friday 17 December 2021 at 6.30am Holy Ghost Church

Online Advent Retreat - Lift Up Your Eyes 13th & 20th December 7.30 pm. Encounter the Lord through the lives of Advent saints https://lift_up_your_eyes.eventbrite.co.uk

A meeting for the parents of those making their **First Holy Communion in 2022** will be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7pm in Our Lady's church.

Reflecting on the Church Post Covid – Saturday 22nd January 10.00am - 12.30pm at Holy Ghost Parish Centre.

Lux.Pilgrimage – A fun residential weekend at Walsingham for young Catholics 4th - 6th February 2022, Please email fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux

Luton Deanery Marriage Course - Saturday 26th February 2022 from 10am - 4pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. If you plan to marry next year, please book your place a.s.a.p. at www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk