Parish Notices

19th / 20th December 2020

We Remember Our Deceased Family & Friends:

Recently Deceased: Emily Russell, Winnie Quinn, Irene McKinney,

Month's Mind: Eileen McCormick, Teresa Magee, Hannah Teresa Yates (England),

Anniv: William Fisher, Kathleen Dougal, Micky Mason, Mary McCrissican, Elizabeth Sage, May Leonard, Florence Carson, Teddy Tweedie, Bernard McMinn, William Gilchrist, Brian Mckeown, Steven Savage, Patrick McKeating, Alan Gordon, Vincent Curran, Harry, Hannah & Donagh Robinson, Bridget Blaney, Gerard Blaney, Josephine McMullan, Eleanor Jantze, Kathleen Morgan USA, Richard Fitzsimons Alex McMullan,

We also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Msgr. Colm McCaughan, Canon Patrick Conway (DPK),

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Mass Intentions: All of the following Masses will also be available online at churchmedia.tv or on the parish Facebook page:

Monday 21st December, 7.30pm: Liam McGlogan, Month's Mind: Hannah Teresa Yates (England),

Wednesday 23rd December 7:30pm, Thomas & Gary Rooney, Edward Molloy

Please note: There will be no evening Masses from Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January 2021 Inclusive. If you would like a Mass or Anniversary booked for 2021 you can phone the Parish Office until Tue 22nd Dec.

Tickets for Christmas Mass: All of the free tickets for the Christmas Eve vigil Masses have been sold out**.** There are still free tickets available for 12 Midnight Mass and also 9am & 12pm on Christmas Day. Please ring the office on 44612084 to book.

Advent Penitential Service: Sunday 20th December at 5:00pm to 5:30pm. This will be an online service of prayer, scripture and music to help us prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ.

SVDP Christmas Appeal 2020: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the SVDP appeal. You can still donate by leaving a donation in the parish office or in the box at the sanctuary of the church or give it to any of the priests in the church.

Bereavement Candles: Candles lit in memory of loved ones during the Bereavement Mass on November 25th are still available from the Parish Office for collection – please ring in advance of calling.

HolyLand Christmas Appeal: The Christmas season is approaching, and Bethlehem's hotel rooms would normally be full by now. The city would be looking forward to over a million tourists and pilgrims coming to visit the Church of the Nativity and enjoying the unique experience of Christmas in the Holy Land. But this year, the hotels are empty and the streets are silent. For the families living in Bethlehem, and in tourist sites across the Holy Land, it's a disaster. 80% of Bethlehem's residents depend on tourism for their daily bread. They are the artisans who make souvenirs, the shop workers who sell them, the taxi drivers, tour guides and photographers who look after the pilgrims.

It seemed like a stable source of income. Nobody could have predicted the 2020 pandemic, or

that this total collapse of tourism would last until Christmas. The whole of the Holy Land is now suffering from a lack of visitors that is set to continue deep into 2021.

The Christians of the Holy Land are blessed in one way: they have a worldwide family of brothers and sisters who have always been ready to stand with them through tough times.

Would you remember the poorest in **Bethlehem this Christmas?**

As your thoughts turn to Bethlehem this Christmas time, would you remember the Christians who have lost everything this year, and send a gift to get them through?

You can donate to this over the 26th / 27th December weekend by using the box at the front of the sanctuary named 'HolyLand'.