

MASS INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 4

Saturday 17th December First Vespers
6.00 pm Mary O'Donnell RIP (Foley Family)

Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent
8.00 am Ida Dilworth RIP (Mary Crosby)
9.15 am People of the Parish
11.00am Tony Lenihan Snr. RIP
5.00 pm Sebastian Kakkattill

Monday 19th December
7.30 am* Noel Fitzpatrick
10.00 am Gerald Cronin RIP

Tuesday 20th December
10.00 am **Funeral Mass : Mrs Mary Grady RIP**
12.45pm **Funeral Mass : Mr Robert Robinson RIP**

Wednesday 21st December
10.00 am Jim Macnamara RIP

Thursday 22nd December
7.30 am* Rev. Thomas Ford RIP
10.00 am Gerald Cronin RIP
7.30-8.30pm **Confessions**

Friday 23rd December
10.00 am Tessie McKenna RIP (Curran)
(11.00 am Mass at St Raphael's)
7.30-8.30pm **Confessions**

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve
11.00am-Noon Confessions
5.00pm Albert Gluck (4th Anniv.)
7.30pm People of the Parish
11.15pm Carols
Midnight Mass James Patrick Smith RIP

Sunday 25th December The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
8.00 am Nancy Sheahan RIP
9.15 am UCM
11.00 am Frank Lohan RIP

*7.30 am Masses are at Holy Trinity Convent

DIARY this week

SUNDAY 18th December
9.15 am Childrens Liturgy—Hall
10.15 am Coffee after Mass
12 noon Social Club—Club Room

MONDAY 19th December

TUESDAY 20th December
10.30 am Coffee Morning - Club Room
3.00 pm Legion of Mary—Skip Appleton
7.00 pm Circuit Training—Hall
8.00 pm UCM—HTC
8.30 pm Zumba Fitness Class—Hall

WEDNESDAY 21st December

THURSDAY 22nd December
8.00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal Church

FRIDAY 23rd December
9.00 pm Social Club—Club Room

SATURDAY 24th December

SUNDAY 25th December

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Plaistow Lane, Bromley

(Presbytery: 1 Orchard Road, Bromley, BR1 2PR)



4th Sunday of Advent Year B 18th December 2011

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Surgeries [at Presbytery without an appointment]

Monday Fr Saju : 6-8pm Wednesday Fr Tom: 5-7pm

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Preparing for and Celebrating Christmas at St. Josephs.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession times:
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December 7.30-8.30 p.m.
Saturday 24th December 11am—Noon.

Mass times at Christmas: December 24th Christmas Eve (Saturday)

5.00 p.m. Family Mass
7.30 p.m. Mass with carols
11.15 p.m. Carols followed by Mass at Midnight.

December 25th Christmas Day (Sunday)

8.00 a.m., 9.15 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. There will be no evening Mass today.

December 26th St. Stephen's (Monday)

11.00 a.m.

Christmas Greetings to those of you who will be away for Christmas. We wish you every joy and blessing in Christ born among us. To those of you, especially college students, who have come home to be with your families and friends in Bromley, we offer you a very warm welcome. We hope that together we will be greatly blessed as we celebrate the Birth of Christ our Saviour.

Fr. Tom

*READINGS & PRAYERS for today are on page 90
of the Parish Mass Book.*

Rosary: Daily, 10.30am.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 11 am-12 noon & 5.00-5.45 pm, or on request.

BAPTISMS: One month preparation required. Please contact a Priest during Surgery.

WEDDINGS: 6 months notice required. Please contact your Parish priest

Orpington Food Bank Appeal. The response to this appeal has been very encouraging and we now need to sustain and build on this initial generosity. Many thanks indeed. For more information please pick up the flyer today in the foyer. Thank you.

Christmas Offerings are by tradition your personal gift to the priests of the parish. As we do not get a salary we rely entirely on the offerings of our parishioners. Please pick up the special envelopes in the foyer.

Celebrating Your Child's Baptism - Baptism preparation helps parents to enrich their understanding of the meaning and importance of the sacrament of Baptism in their own life and in the life of their child. It also helps to prepare for the day that their child will be baptised. Parents wishing to present their child for Baptism are requested to attend a four week course. Expectant parents are also invited to these courses before the birth of their baby. If you live and worship in the parish of St. Joseph's and would like to attend one of our Baptism preparation courses, please contact Fr. Tom or Fr Saju.

Our next **Baptism Preparation Session** begins on Sunday January 8th 2012 in the Upper Room at 3.45-4.45pm.

Mrs Mary Grady's funeral will be held on Tuesday 20th December at 10.00am.

Mr Robert Robinson passed away on 12th December. His funeral will be held on Tuesday 20th December at 12.45pm.

Mr Roger Hammond passed away on Saturday 10th December. His funeral will be held in January.

We offer the support of our prayers, with deepest sympathy to the families.

Christmas Midnight Mass Carol Service Readers. Rehearsal Thursday 22nd December at 7.45pm in the Church.

Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Your new rotas starting 31st December are now available. Please pick up your copy from the servers' sacristy.

Decorating the Church and Christmas Tree. You are invited to donate a red **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one to decorate the Sanctuary. These are greatly appreciated by all.

Paper Prayer Candle for the Christmas Tree. Parents and children are invited to make and decorate a paper candle on which they will have written a prayer. This will be hung on the Christmas Tree reminding us that we are called to be Praying Families—Praying Parish. Please come along on Monday 19th December at 2.00pm in the Church.

Each One Reach One
Please pick up some red Christmas Cards with a message from the Parish Team and pass one on to family members, Catholic neighbours or friends who may not attend church regularly. Pray for them and invite them to come home to a warm welcome at St Joseph's this Christmas.

Christmas Music. This is an invitation to all who would like to join the choir to sing at Midnight Mass. Please try to attend the rehearsal on Thursday 22 December, in the Church at 8.00pm. Details from Rosemary Cox on 020 8466 0573.

Crib Offerings this year are for the Cabrini Children's Society.

Catholic Diaries 2012. We are still awaiting the delivery of Catholic Diaries for 2012. When they arrive we will place them in the foyer of the church.

Festive Cleaning of Church: All volunteers welcome on 21st December to help clean the church for the festive season. I will be there from 8.30am—the more the merrier and quicker. Contact number 07912 504313. Many thanks Jackie Wrigley.

Diocesan Directories for 2012 are now on sale in the Repository @ £3.50. Christmas items, including cribs and advent calendars, are also available.

The Diocesan Seminary Fund. Please help train our future Priests by contributing to the cost of educating our students at St. John's Seminary Womersley. Please see poster in foyer for further details. Thank you

The 11th Bromley Beavers and Cubs. Both Groups are in desperate need of two leaders. The Beavers and Cubs are very grateful to both Allan and James for the many years they have given to running the pack and colony. Unfortunately, they have both decided it is time to move on. James, however, will be continuing in his Group Scout Leader role. Are you enthusiastic with children aged 6-10? No experience necessary, all training given. Contact James Coles (07890 221097) or Kathy Barber (07736 446704) for more information or see poster in foyer.

Olympics 2012: More Than Gold.
I am pleased to say that I have two wonderful friends from the parish who have volunteered to join me to promote More Than Gold. This does not stop others even if you don't know me—just get in touch. There is much to organise and put Saturday 5th August 2012 in your diary. Churches Together has planned for a huge celebration in Queens Gardens. A huge picnic for everyone watching Usain Bolt (hopefully) breaking the 100 metres world record!! Thanks. Deacon Duncan.

Midnight Mass. Archbishop Peter presiding will be on BBC1 live.

Bromley United Reformed Church. Winter Night Shelter Volunteers wanted. Please see notice in foyer for further details.

Typewriter: Elma Purves would like to say 'Thank You' for the typewriter kindly given to her by a parishioner.

Missing Scissors: from the cupboard under the sink in the Sacristy. Please contact Audrey Ward on 020 8325 0251 if found. Thank you.

Walking Stick: A walking stick looking for its owner. Please contact the Parish Office.

Gentleman's full length Beige Coat found in the church. Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Two tickets to see Strictly's Craig Revel Horwood and Anne Widdecombe in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Panto at the Orchard Theatre Dartford on Friday 6th January 2012 at 7.00pm. Call Anne on 07948 806657 or the Parish Office.

Michael and Gerard Ussher-Smith regret that they cannot send any Christmas cards this year as Gerard is in hospital. They both send Christmas Greetings to everyone and wish you all a Holy, Happy and Peaceful New Year. Gerard is making a good recovery and should be home soon.

Scouts Cake Sale in the Church Hall after the 9.15 mass **TODAY.**

Offertory Collection for last Sunday amounted to £1200. Our CAFOD group have sent £1000 to the Head Office.