


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24th December, 2023	THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH NEWSLETTER <i>The Parish is served by Fr Tom O'Neill</i> <i>The Avenue, Linthorpe Middlesbrough TS5 6SB.</i> <i>Tel: 01642 356654</i> <i>email: tomoneill1@virginmedia.com.</i> <i>Parish Website: holynamenameofmary.co.uk</i> <i>Facebook: Holy name of Mary Parish, Middlesbrough</i>	 Last week's collection: £843 Many thanks
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Masses and intentions this week



Mass Readings: Is.61:1-2,10-11; Psalm is Luke 1:46-50, 53-54; 1Thess.5:16-24; Jn1:6-8.19-28 3: 8-14;

Saturday 23 rd December	6.30pm	Gerard and Mary Long; Special Intention
Sunday 24 th December	10.30am	People of the Parish
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Special Intention
Christmas Day	10.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday 26 th December	No Mass	
Thursday 28 th December	No Mass	
Saturday 30 th December	6.30pm	John Rymer

We remember those who have died recently: Joan Harkin; Jadwiga Jasinek; Bob Hartness; Ged Drumm; Andrew Borsumato; Vin Gunn

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerard Long; John Rymer and Christopher Payne; Betty McCabe; Winnie Morris and Kathleen McGloin (Ann McGeever's sister).

We pray also for those who are sick and housebound: Andrew McCabe, Carol Stephenson, Patrick Baird, Pat Hughes, Stephen Armstrong and Frank O'Brien

Joan's Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday, 3rd January at 12.15pm and Jadwiga's Requiem Mass will be held on Friday, 5th January, at 9.30am and the Polish priest from Newcastle will join Father Tom for the service.

Ministers of the Word:

Saturday 23rd Dec: Eleanor and Another
 Saturday 30th Dec: Paul and Mary

Sunday 24th Dec: Tom L and Catherine H
 Sunday 31st Dec: Philip B and Another

Ministers of the Eucharist: Saturday 23rd Dec: Cath and Sunday 24th Dec: Cath

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Carols at 6pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Christmas Day Mass: 10.30am



Communion – Mission – Participation



When wailing sirens cease, a voice cries out from Bethlehem - Hear Angels Cry

Setting aside the traditional festive decorations and Christmas tree lighting, the Bethlehem Municipality has chosen to cancel Christmas festivities due to thousands killed and instead pray for peace. Amidst the rubble and ruins, a poignant voice rises to declare that the light of hope will persist in the small West Bank town where the Christmas story unfolded.

Youstina Safar, who lives in Bethlehem and is a student at Bethlehem University, has collaborated with the London-based band *Ooberfuse* - to deliver a powerful message through a Christmas song: 'Hear Angels Cry'. The song resonates with the belief that hope for a better future will be born in the hearts of humanity, remaining resilient in the face of aggression.

Watch on Youtube now: <https://bit.ly/418x6lF>

Stream on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/46JOQVo>

Buy on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3GuduPo>

Stream on Apple Music: <https://apple.co/46lk9jk>

PARISH INFORMATION

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meeting for the group is on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at the usual venue. Please include the group in your prayers. Thank you

LITTLE POTS donations this month are for **My Sister's Place** (for the local refuge for those experiencing domestic violence).

THE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY is looking for volunteers to help children put their faith into action. The aim is to support teachers who want to start an SVP Minnie Vinnies group in their school/parish. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least two mornings or afternoons per month) and who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). The next training day is on Tuesday, 27th February and so if interested please contact Sarah on: youngvincentians@svp.org.uk for more information

Should any **Eucharistic Minister** have time to take Holy Communion on a regular basis to one of our parishioners, please contact Father Tom. Thank you.

REMINDER about SAFEGUARDING REQUEST: It is a requirement that every person participating in Parish Ministry with children/vulnerable adults must have an up to date DBS certificate. If unsure about your role, please contact Mary Payne this week. Thank you

Please send any items for the Newsletter to reflectionsholyname@rcdmidd.org.uk or contact Mary Payne on 01642 825950, by Wednesday morning. Thank you.