



St Teresa's Church

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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Lunch

The SVP put on a wonderful Christmas Lunch in St Teresa's Parish Centre last Tuesday. Many thanks to members of the SVP group who organised the event, cooked and served the delicious meal which was enjoyed by many!

Christmas 'Spring Clean' at St Teresa's

There will be another get-together on Wednesday, 20th December from 10.30am to 1.30pm for a thorough clean of St Teresa's Church. Anyone who is able to spare an hour or two would be extremely welcome (you don't have to be on the weekly cleaning rota!). Please feel free to drop in and we will try to get the church looking extra special for Christmas - 'many hands make light work'!



Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held this coming Wednesday at 8 pm and will be an opportunity for us to reflect on our need for repentance as we prepare for the Christmas season. It will be an opportunity for us to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and a number of local priests will be available for individual confession. Similar services will be held at St Wulstan's in High Wycombe on 18th December at 7.30 pm and at St Joseph's in Gerrards Cross on 19th December at 8 pm.



Christmas Charity 100 Draws

There is still time to enter the two Christmas Charity 100 Draws at St Dunstan's - one for adults with a first prize of £50 and one for children. Numbers can be bought for £5 each (adults) and £1 (children). The winning numbers will be drawn after Mass next Sunday. All profits will be donated to Wycombe Homeless Connection, a local charity which helps homeless people to rebuild their lives (www.wyhoc.org.uk)

Advent Prayer

Next Saturday, 23rd December, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am at St Teresa's, and will be followed by Exposition before the Blessed Sacrament from 10-11 am and an opportunity for Confession.

Crib Offerings

There has been a tradition of making a small offering when we come to pray at the crib. This year, the offerings from both churches will be donated to Fr Henry's school charity, which gives young people from Nigeria an opportunity to visit the UK and benefit from spending some time in a Catholic school here.

Christmas Eve Children's Crib Service

There will be a blessing of crib figures at the 4 pm Crib Service at St Teresa's, so please bring your crib figures from home. Children are invited to come along dressed as Nativity characters.

Gifts for the Children in Mongu and Kaoma

Parishioners have traditionally sent Christmas gifts to the children in the Leonard Cheshire Children's Homes in Mongu and Kaoma in Zambia. There are gift tags on the Christmas trees in the church porches as well as lists of suggested gifts. Please place gifts under the trees at any time over the Christmas season. Thank you.



St Teresa's Parish Lottery

in aid of the Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu, Zambia

The drawn numbers for December are 207, 209 and 158 winning £5 each and 71 winning £25. Well done! Congratulations to the owner of lottery number 240 who wins our Special Christmas Draw of £250! If you would like to join the lottery for 2018 for just £15 a number, please email leslie.morant@btinternet.com, or call 01494 677686.

Christmas Greetings

In recent years, a number of parishioners have donated money saved by not sending Christmas cards to fellow parishioners (whom they are able to greet in church) to the Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu and Kaoma. Parishioners wishing to support this practical way of aiding the homes are asked to sign the notice in the church porches and names of those offering greetings in this way will be included in the Christmas newsletter.



Lunch on Christmas Day

Churches Together in Beaconsfield will be hosting a lunch in St Teresa's Parish Centre on Christmas Day at 12.30 pm for anyone who may otherwise be spending Christmas alone. Transport can be arranged. For further details and

suggestions of how you could support this event, please contact Sheila Guilfoyle on 01494 672094 or Nigel Douglas on 07714 871505.



London Run

The final London Run pre-Christmas collection from St Teresa's narthex will take place this Monday, 18th December. A request has been made for food items to include crisps, biscuits and individual juice cartons as well as the usual sandwiches please. Additionally, Christmas-wrapped gifts of gloves and/or hats, scarves and socks are requested with the parcels being labelled as suitable for male or female. The London Run re-starts from Monday, 8th January.

Confirmation 2018

Preparation for our young people in Year 8+ will begin in the New Year. Registration forms and programme details are available from the back of church. The programme will begin with a meeting for young people and their parents on Friday, 12th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre and our Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter on the evening of Wednesday, 13th June. Please return completed forms to either of the Parish Offices.



St Dunstan's Parish Meeting

Apologies for the cancellation of last week's Parish Meeting due to the bad weather. A date will be re-arranged in the New Year to discuss forthcoming parish social events.

Money Matters

- Last weekend's collection at St Teresa's amounted to £1,741.24, including £1,100 in standing orders.
- Last Sunday's collection at St Dunstan's amounted to £447.95, including £220 in standing orders
- The collection to be taken at the Christmas Eve Crib Service will be used to support the Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu, Zambia.
- The collections taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the traditional collections for the Clergy. *Many thanks*

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre (BAC)

Are you a retired accountant, financial adviser, lawyer...? Do you have experience in business, welfare or other aspects of life? BAC needs people like you to help those in our community who have problems in debt, legal matters, housing, employment, and benefits. Please consider joining the team of advisers and taking part in the training course which will start in January. For more information, please call Sylvia Jones on 01753 889384 or email srlljones@aol.com.

St Dunstan's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass

Children are invited to come dressed as Nativity characters, and to be involved in the Carol Service before Mass at 6.15 pm and in a short Nativity Play during Mass. Please contact Tricia Howard-Jones (or any adults involved in Children's Liturgy) if your child would like to be involved. Teenagers are also welcome to read, sing a solo/duet or play an instrument. There are forms available at the back of church or email Tricia at pmhowardjones@aol.com. There will be a practice after Mass this Sunday and a quick run through at 5.30 pm on Christmas Eve.



CAFOD Supporters' Day

CAFOD have asked us to host their next local Supporters' Day at St Teresa's on Saturday, 27th January from 10 am until 2.30 pm. This promises to be an informative session about CAFOD's work in El Salvador and Zimbabwe, as well as an opportunity to understand more about how the charity decides on its allocation of priorities. If you think you might be interested, please put the date in your diary - more details available in the New Year.

Christmas Tree for Sale

We have one Nordmann Fir 6ft Christmas tree for sale at the bargain price of £30. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to take advantage of this great deal!

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK - Year B (Mark)

Third Sunday of Advent

16th/17th December 2017

5.30 pm	St Teresa's	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession</i>
6 pm (Sat)	St Teresa's	Mass: Pauline Chambers Int Sheila Ackermann RIP Jim Quinan RIP
8.45 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Kathleen & Peter Bell Int Mary & Ron Hewett Int Margaret Staniforth Int
10 am	St Dunstan's	Mass: Theodore Czakon RIP
11.30 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Charles Berwick RIP
Monday		
9.30 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Andrew Roche RIP
Tuesday		
9.30 am	St Dunstan's	Mass: Michael Pearce RIP
Wednesday		
9.30 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Harvey & Mildred Greene RIP
10 am	St Teresa's	<i>Prayer Group</i>
6 pm	St Dunstan's	<i>Exposition & Prayer</i>
8 pm	St Teresa's	<i>Advent Penance Service</i>
Thursday		
9.30 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Peter Lindenberg RIP Hugh, Annie & James Gilgunn RIP
Friday		
9.30 am	St Dunstan's	Mass: Peg Marriner RIP
7.30 pm	St Teresa's	Mass: Deceased members of the Wilson family
Saturday		
9.30 am	St Teresa's	Mass: Private Intention <i>followed by Exposition & Confession</i>

