

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

**Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers  
Sea Sunday**

10.00am (All relatives and friends of  
the McQuillan family RIP)

6.30pm (For the people of the parish)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December Feria**

(Holy Souls RIP)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Feria**

No Mass

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Feria**

10.00am (Deceased members of  
Racine, Hogan and Kennedy families  
RIP)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

6.30pm Mass of the Vigil of Christmas

12.00am Midnight Blessing of Crib  
and Midnight Mass (Francesco and  
Michael Lanzino RIP)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December The Nativity of  
the Lord,**

10.00am (Catherine Lista RIP)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen,  
First Martyr, Feast**

10.00am (Paddy Tracey RIP)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph, Feast**

10.00am (John and Derek McQuillan  
RIP)

**MASS AT ST. SIMON'S** - the wearing of a mask at Mass is mandatory unless medically exempt, hands should be sanitised on entering the church, the Rule of 6 and the social distancing rules should be observed.

**DAVID HUNTER** - Congratulations to David, newly ordained to the diaconate yesterday, who will preach his first homily here at St. Simon's today. Please continue to keep David in your prayers as he continues his journey towards full ordination and the priesthood.

**DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**, which has limited capacity in the church, we are asking all the parishioners and visitors to our church to book a place at the particular Christmas Mass that they would like to attend to avoid overloading the church.

**Everyone who wants to attend any of the Christmas Masses will have to book using the online booking facility which is on our website/Facebook page. This will launch at 9pm today.** Those who do not have internet will be able to book by calling the parish office on 01233 622 399 before midday on Wednesday 23rd December.

**OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY** - due to the current restrictions the obligation to attend Mass specifically on Christmas Day has been removed and you may fulfil the obligation by attending any Mass during the Christmas Octave up to The Epiphany on Wednesday 6th January.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.** The offertory collection taken during the Vigil, Midnight & Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to the parish clergy. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings). The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses and give alms to the poor. Envelopes are available in the church entrance.

**REPOSITORY (SHOP)** - the shop will be open after both Masses today for the purchase of Christmas cards, cribs, Advent calendars as well as the usual selection of cards, gifts, books, bibles, statues and other religious items.

**REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN THE CHURCH** - all the flooring works in the church have now been completed, and I'm am sure you will agree that it looks splendid and will enhance our church for many years to come. The total cost for all the work done is £7650 and the current contributions are £4566. Should you wish to contribute towards the remaining balance of £3084 please put your donation in an envelope, clearly marked 'flooring', in one of the collection boxes by the doors. Many thanks to all those who have already contributed.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SEA SUNDAY** (postponed from July), when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops and the second collection will be for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week: £340.90 (Gift Aid £43 + Plate £110.90 + £187 standing order.) 2nd collection - Home Mission £ 37.97. Thank you. 2nd Collection today - Sea Sunday.

## CHURCH CLEANING

31<sup>st</sup> December Kilda

2<sup>nd</sup> January Irene/Zita

9<sup>th</sup> January Kilda

16<sup>th</sup> January

Irene/Zita

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for  
Merrick Boston,  
Ronald Salmon,  
June O'Driscoll,  
Noela Thiebaud,  
Francesca Baker,  
Trevor Lane,  
Tricia Coppin,  
Sebastian Burrell,  
Fred Ward,  
Lisa Moran,  
Rita Coombs