

**Saturday 16th** **First Mass of Sunday**  
 6.00 pm Bill George RIP  
 We welcome into the Parish Family:-Raynalld Dju Sane & Wade Dju Sane Wade

**Sunday 17th** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**  
 7.30 am Parish Family  
 9.00 am Josephine Keane Anniv.  
 Anthony Staunton RIP (Frances & Michael)  
 11.00 am Roland Courbanally RIP (Family)  
 12.30 pm We welcome into the Parish Family:-  
 Ania Tarboda  
 4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

**Monday 18th**  
 8.45 am Morning Prayer  
 9.00 am Sebastian Joseph & Antony Paulose RIP (Family)  
 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7.00 pm Reconciliation

**Tuesday 19th**  
 8.45 am Morning Prayer  
 9.00 am Frances Daniel Anniv. (Yvonne)  
 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 2.00 pm Mass in St. John's School

**Wednesday 20th NB**  
 8.30 am Terry Murfet RIP  
 10.00 am Funeral of Terry Murfet, City of London Crem.  
 Big Christmas Church Cleaning

**Thursday 21st**  
 9.00 am Funeral Mass of Nishanthan Gratton. RIP  
**NB** 6.00 pm Michael RIP

**Friday 22nd**  
 8.45 am Morning Prayer  
 9.00 am Joaozinho Almeida Margues RIP  
 Arnaldo Margues Jnr. (Elizabeth)

**Saturday 23rd**  
 9.00 am Bernard +Julia Reilly RIP (Sons & Daughters)

**Saturday 23rd** **First Mass of Sunday**  
 6.00 pm Alice Drew Int. (Sue Fahy)

**Sunday** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**24th**  
 7.30 am Jerald GFrancis Cruz Anniv. (Family)  
 9.00 am Ida Mentessi RIP Billy Nash)  
 11.00 am Parish Family

**Sunday 24th** **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**6.00 pm** Sr. Katherine Lehane RIP (Family)  
**11.30pm** Office of Readings and Carols  
**12midnight** Private Intention

**PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S**  
**PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Canon Bob Hamill**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**  
**Gaudete Sunday**

Dear Parishioners

Prayer for the Third Week of Advent – a Prayer of Hope

Dear Lord,

As we who look forward to the birthday of Christ with joy and expectation, may it bring healing to all who are sick, comfort those who are hurt, end the wars so that we can experience the joy of salvation and celebrate Christmas with love and thanksgiving. And we pray that the coming Christmas will fill us with joy and gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially the poor, helpless, homeless and vulnerable. Amen. (Year 5 – St Michael's School)



**Christmas Get together:**

The Christmas get-together last Sunday was a great success. This was the first major fundraising event for some time and it was great to see so many people there, with such a lovely family atmosphere. A grand total of £1,354.80 was raised from the Grand Raffle, the Tombola, Bottle Stall and Bric-a-Brac stalls. Many people came and enjoyed the event, bringing not only food to share but good will and positivity. In the raffle, the winning numbers were yellow ticket 821, which has been claimed, and blue ticket 847, which still has to be claimed. **\*\*Blue ticket winner, please see Fr. Bob.\*\*** A massive thanks to all Parishioners who came and made the event so successful - Thank you all for your support. A huge 'Well done' to the organisers, and a special 'Thank you' to the young people who helped running the stalls. This will hopefully be one of many events to raise funds for a much-needed Parish Centre.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December Reconciliation 7pm  
 Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas 6.00pm  
 Office of Readings and Carols 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass  
 Christmas Morning Masses at 9am & 11am  
 Christmas Day Mass 6pm

God Bless, Bob

**Please pray for Cecil Lucasan who has died. Pray especially, for his Family and Friends at this difficult time.**

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday 17th	Communion to the Sick - 1.30pm
Monday 18th	Reconciliation Service , Church – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 19th	Mass in St. John’s School - 2.00 pm
Wednesday 20th	Funeral Mass of Terrance Murfet, Church – <b>8.30 am</b> followed by his burial at, City of London Crem – 10.00 am Big Christmas Church Clean—all hands on deck, thank you! Meeting in Grays – 12.00 noon
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Funeral Mass in Tamil, of Nishanthan Gratton – <b>9.00 am</b> Mass will be said at 12noon
Friday 22nd	
Saturday 23rd	Mass at <b>9.00 am</b>
Sunday 24th	Communion to the Sick/Housebound 1.30pm

### **COMING EVENTS**

Altar Servers Medals and Certificates Mass 10.00am 26<sup>th</sup> December  
Manor Park 100 Years celebration Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
Wedding of Robinson/Sabi Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December

**NEWHAM DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** ‘The New Year - Praying for Peace with Our Lady’ led by Fr. Stewart Foster on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December** at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Upton Park E13 9BF : Mass at 9.15am, talk in the hall, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction ending at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FACEBOOK SITE:** - now available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/737732404198996>. If you are a current or former parishioner, please have a look.

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** – *First Thursday of the Month 04<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral*

Beginning with pizza & refreshments with a workshop or speaker in the Parish Hall from 6pm, Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net)

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** – *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024* A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/)

**SUMMER LOURDES** applications are open, and we have already had 60 people apply!

**FLAME 2025** tickets will be on sale on 31st January 2024.

**VOLUNTEER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE** for the academic year 2024/2025 – applications are now open for anyone currently in year 13 or above and we are happy to answer any questions that young people or parents might have.

All information for the above can be found on our website – [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE: 40yrs of Walsingham House Teams:** 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the New Year. **BAPTISM COURSE:** The next Baptism Course will take place on Monday 8th January 2024. If Parents wish to have their child Baptised in the next couple of months they need to join the course and to bring copy of their own Baptism Certificate with them. You are allowed up to four Godparents and if possible they should be practicing Catholics. The course begins at 6.30pm on both Monday evenings 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

**CONFIRMATION:** The course will begin this coming Thursday in the Church at 6.30pm. Please try to be here by 6.20pm. If you missed the meeting last week and you wish to join the program then please come along with a letter saying you wish to receive the Sacrament