

ST FRANCIS DE SALES & ST GERTRUDE CHURCH

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The Weekly Newsletter is available in our Parish Website

**8th December 2024: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)****1st Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9. **Psalm** 126:1-2,3,4-5. 6. **2nd Reading:** Phil. 1:3-6. 8-11. **Gospel:** Lk 3:1-62nd Collection: **Missionaries of St. Paul's Appeal****NEXT:**

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat- 7 th	18.30	Nancy Mayer-RIP
Sun-8 th	09.00	Charlie Emeka Onyejiaka-RIP Mrs. Nkechi Osiuno-RIP
	11.00	People of the Parish
Mon-9 th		NO MASS
Tue-10 th	09.30	
Wed-11 th	09.30	
Thur-12 th	09.30	
Fri-13 th	09.30	
Sat-14 th	18.30	
Sun-15 th	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	

PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS7th -13th Rasheed Onile-Ere/12th, Mehati Tekai/12th,**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sarah Madden, Crystal L, Andrew O'Neill, Patrick Idama,
Marie Kallon, Michael McGrath and all our sick and
housebound parishioners.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION — 1/12/2024

Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£245.30	£265.40	£528.40

STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBIT

Offerings can be made by envelope, contactless machine,
direct debit or standing order:

RCAS STOCKWELL**NATWEST ACCOUNT NO 28975553****SORT CODE 60-20-31**

Special Liturgy for children at 11.00 mass: We invite the children over the ages of 4 and under 10 to the hall during Mass to reflect on the Scripture Readings at their level. The children will return during the offertory procession.

Parish Communication channel

Parishioners are encouraged to use the Parish Email and/or phone number stated above for all enquiries and requests, for certificates, hall hiring, wedding arrangement, funerals, newsletter, etc.

2024 Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday 24th December	10.30 pm	Christmas Carols
	11pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday, 25th December	10 am	Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, 1st January 2025	10 am	New Year's Day Mass

Christmas Decoration: We need help on 22nd December '24 after 11am mass to mount the Christmas tree and other decorations.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest

Mr Charles Madden: PPC Chair

Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance

Mrs Folasade Onile-Ere: Catechist

Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan

Mrs Olanike T. Onikosi: Maintenance

Office Hours:Tuesdays & Thursdays **10:30am– 1:30pm****ORDER OF MASS**

I Confess p.8

1st Reading

Resp. Psalm

2nd Reading

Gospel

I believe in p.11

Our Father p.56

ANNOUNCEMENTS**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW & POT LUCK DINNER****7.30pm Saturday 14th December 2024**

Come and join us for an Evening of Fun and Excitement! **BRING SOMETHING TO EAT AND SHARE EITHER** - something to nibble (crisps and snacks) **OR** - a main course (jollof rice and chicken, pepper soup, lasagne or something similar) **OR** - a dessert or ice cream or cheese and biscuits. **BRING A BOTTLE TO SHARE TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED.** Please put your name and your food item down on the list in the vestibule so we can gage the numbers and the food.

The Second Collection is for the Missionary Society of St Paul Appeal. The Parish of St Francis & St Gertrude has been served since 2013 to date. This collection is to support the work of the missions of the Society. Please kindly donate generously.

ADVENT: Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time as well and Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - *hope, peace, joy, and love.*

Weekday Masses: The celebration of weekday masses has resumed; and a reminder that the time for confession is on Saturday at 5:45pm – 6:15pm before the vigil mass. Please let us make use of this moment of grace as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Confession: Also, there will be a visiting priest here on Friday, 20th December at 6pm for confession. Please take this opportunity to go to confession. It's always good to confess frequently to receive communion worthily. Receiving communion for too long without confession is not good for our soul.

Note! For the 1st and 2nd Readings, the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel, please turn over to the other side.