

✠ **THE PARISH OF  
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE** ✠



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Hymns: 358 277 568 440**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11: Colin. Romans 16:25-end: Cathy L**

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

**Chalice:** Hendrika **Intercessions:** Julian

**Welcomers:** Elizabeth & Hendrika **Refreshments:** Mary

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Esther Christian, John Christian, Rachel Christian,  
Rosemary Christian Janice Sutherland,  
Marek Machoy, Lois, Tom Cantwell, John Daryl Jimenez,  
Fr. Duncan Ross, Amelita Nicodemus, Phil Cutcliffe, Carolyne Scott,  
Anna Ameila, Jackie Coral, Chris Pegden, Vivian Juanson

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique  
And for our church school **St Paul with St Luke Primary School**

**December's Year Mind:** Fr. John Rowe, William Mc Crossan,  
Carl Clark

Today we celebrate **the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**, which this year falls on Christmas Eve, so we are nearly at the end of our journey of preparing spiritually for our annual celebration of the Christ Child being born among us as we watch and wait for His coming again.

Next week we welcome Fr Colin Midlane as our celebrant and preacher.

## Sunday School Christmas Card

This year our Sunday School has made us a Communal Christmas Card. For a donation of £1 we can write our Christmas wishes to each other on the card and the money raised will help Sunday School with their efforts to raise funds for the 'Toilet Twinning' Scheme. This scheme funds projects in communities that helps families build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.



**We wish our church school St Paul with St Luke (SPSL a joyful and peaceful Christmas break.** And we especially thank them for making such wonderful Christmas Banners.

## Christmas Services

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

*(Christmas Eve)*

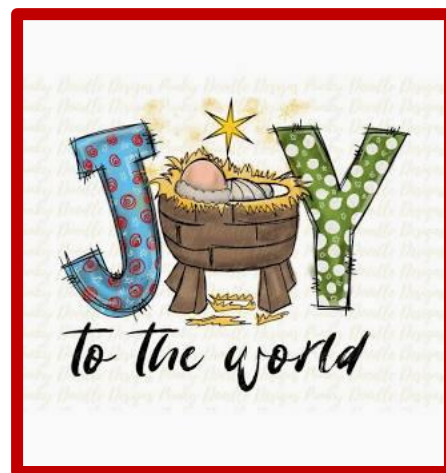
**10am – Mass for Advent 4**

**11pm – Carols by candlelight**

**11.30pm – Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**11am – Mass for Christmas Day**





**An invitation to go deeper into the meaning of Christmas for you.** Each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January), you are offered a short reading from the Bible, a reflection challenging you to see the Christmas story afresh, an invitation to wonder what this Christmas means in your own life, and a prayer to help you treasure this story in your heart. We have **10 booklets available** at

the back of church for anyone who wishes to **'Follow the Star'**.

**We wish all our church families who will be away over Christmas a joy filled Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

We look forward to having you back among us next year.



**Mthr. Bernadette will be on holiday from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.** Julian our Churchwarden will also be away from Friday 30 December. During this time the care of the church will be with Jeanette.



**Thank you** to all who helped make our Carol Service so very special.

And a special thank you to Jean who helped with refreshments, to Mary and Hendrika who led us in our singing, to Ben who accompanied us so

wonderfully on the organ. And finally thank you to all who read the lessons so wonderfully and to all who came to support us.

**Daily office: restarts Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm**

**Mass for Advent 4**

**Carols by candlelight**

**Midnight Mass**

*(the 1st Mass of Christmas)*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10am**

**Mass for Christmas Day**

**Mass for the First Sunday of  
Christmas** *(Fr. Colin Midlane)*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Mass for the Feast of the  
Epiphany**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10am**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

**Monthly Prayer Group**

**Mass for Epiphany 2**

**Monthly Bible Study Group**

**PCC Meeting**

**Mass for Epiphany 3**

**Mass for Candlemas**

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**Next Sunday: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Mass for the 1st Sunday of Christmas**

**Hymns: 14 20 28 21**

*(red Carol Book)*

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3: Cathy Galatians 4:4-7: Cara**

**Gospel: Luke 2:15-21**

**Chalice: Ayo Intercessions: Cathy**

**Welcomers: Cathy & Cara**

**Refreshments: Ruth**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 07818 048048

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