

## **Sunday 20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm A Festival Service of Readings and Choir Carols

## **Monday 21st December**

10.00 am Pray 4 the Week

## **Tuesday 22nd December**

9.00am Eucharist

## **Wednesday 23rd December**

10.45am Eucharist

## **Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

4.00 pm Christingle and Crib Service (booking essential)

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

## **Friday 25th December - Christmas Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Christmas Eucharist

## **Sunday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist**

10.00am Service of Reflection

### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**Mission Prayer:** Please remember in your prayers this month children everywhere, those struggling with the lockdowns, those hungry because parents have lost jobs and those in refugee camps whose future looks bleak at this time. Lord, you said suffer the children to come to me. We lift children everywhere to your loving care.

**All those in need at this time, including** Alice, Dexter, Nancy, Erik, Carol, Betty, Beverley, Biddy, Iris, Carlo, Natalia, Josie, Erica, Pat, Deborah.

**Anniversaries of death:** Jenny Rogers, Malcolm Cook, Jennifer Green, Mary Cerefice, Stephen Ford, Andrew Ford, Garry Ford, Albert Churchill, Jean Hayes, Frederick Buncehall, Wendy Le Marechal, Bob Griffin.

**The Residents and Staff of** Ashley Court, Alexandra House, Hillsdon Nursing Home and Regency Manor and also those at Homelake House.

10am Service of Reflection on 27th December 2020. Following advice from Bishop Nicholas, we are 'downsizing' our services on this date. There will be no 8am service on the Sunday after Christmas Day and no Eucharist at 10am. However, for those who would appreciate a service, there will be a time of prayer and contemplation at 10am, to include poetry, readings and recorded music. All welcome.

### **“Praying and Fasting for Climate Justice on the First Day of Each Month”**

The Climate Justice Prayer Group will meet in St Peter's on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, socially distanced in the space by the chancel step. Please, come to pray with us for those around God's world whose lives are being wrecked by bereavement, loss of homes and livelihood, all caused by the destructive effects of climate change: flooding, drought, uncontrollable fires, cyclones, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.

We'll pray for those threatened by rising sea levels in many Pacific islands, like The Maldives, where homes and businesses may soon be swamped, making these islands uninhabitable. We'll pray also for those living on Frazer Island in Queensland, Australia, half of which has been destroyed in December by fire, making this attractive tourism island a no-go area and forcing 80 conservation and support staff to be prepared for evacuation.

We'll be remembering the people of Guatemala hit by Storm Eta on 7<sup>th</sup> November with winds of 140 mph with torrential rains causing massive landslides covering many houses, killing over 200 people and destroying homes, roads and businesses. Also, the three million who had to be evacuated in The Philippines on 31<sup>st</sup> October when hit by Typhoon Goni; and then by Typhoon Vamco on 13th November which, killed 53 people.

Bring to mind and share with us news of any people you may have heard about whose lives have been badly affected by severe weather conditions.

Understandably, the Coronavirus pandemic still dominates the news, so we may not hear about many around the world who are suffering from the effects of climate change.

Pray also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions to reduce the human causes of climate change, especially those preparing to take part at this critical time in the Glasgow Climate Change Summit in November 2021; Pray, too, for yourself that you will be guided by God to do all you can to care for the wonderful gift of creation; and help reduce the human causes of global warming.