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SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2020 ST. MARY'S LANGHO

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH So it is out of lockdown and into Tier 3. Is it a case of "Out of the frying pan and into the fire." ? A sense of "been there before. So what is new." When COVID started we were anxious and fearful. We had never been down this road before. Normal life and routines came to an abrupt halt. We could not make plans. Easter came and Easter went. Now we begin our journey to Christmas a little more subdued than in past years. We know it will be different from the usual family Christmases of past years. Today Jesus tells us to "stay awake." So don't let life slip you by. Face into the coming weeks. Do what you can and keep an eye out for those around you. As Pope Francis said "In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says 'Rejoice.'"

CHURCH WILL BE REOPENED ON WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER with MASS at 9.00am and MASS WILL RESUME AS NORMAL.

SERVICES LANGHO Mass Wed 9.00am, Thu 9.00am, Fri 9.00am, Sat **6.00pm**. Sun **9.30am**

OSBALDESTON Mass Next Sunday 6th Dec at 11.00am

MASS INTENTIONS John Casson, For the health and wellbeing of the brothers, wives and families of Catenian Association Provence 10 for Christmas and the New Year."

COLLECTIONS 22nd November Gift Aid **£490**. Loose **£50**. Standing Orders **£ 98**. total **£ 638**. Thank you. Thank you to those who have sent in your envelopes.

STANDING ORDER FORMS are now available from Fr. Leo. It is a simple and effective way to support the parish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME A timetable has now been drawn up for those who should have made their First Holy communion last June. **OPTION A** Families can bring their child to a weekend Mass on the Weekends of January and February (2 families per Mass and parents and siblings only). **OPTION B** There will be 3 celebration Masses on Sat 6th Feb, 13th Feb and 27th Feb at 12 noon for those who have not made their communion by then. Each Mass is limited to 14 families and parents and siblings only. For those with children not in St. Mary's School they can choose Option A or the Option of a Mass on Sat 6th March at 12noon again restricted to 14 families and parents and siblings only.

CHRISTMAS CARDS A very limited number of Christmas Cards will be on sale Next Week.

200 CLUB Draw Next Sunday after the Zoom Service at 10.30am.

POSADA Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to do this in person as we normally would, so this year we will host the Posada journey virtually around the parish via Zoom, WhatsApp video, FaceTime or telephone. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for one night on their journey then please sign up using this link: <https://www.stmaryschurchlangho.org/parish-posada-sign-up.html>

In order to host the Virtual Posada overnight, you will need your own Mary, Joseph and donkey crib figures (or alternatively if you are feeling creative you could make your own figures or even use a scene from a Christmas card) as well as a small candle or battery tea light. We would love you to share a photo of your crib figures either with or without you and your family in the shot that we can then share on the parish website and Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS EVE LANGHO Mass 1.00pm, 3.00pm (children's Mass) 6.00pm (children's Mass)

CHRISTMAS EVE OSBALDESTON Mass 2.00pm, 4.00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY LANGHO Mass at 9.30am

OSBALDESTON Mass at 11.00am.

It will be necessary to book in for Mass in order to keep us legal and avoid a "free for all." Details next week,

We pray for **Father Peter Harvey, Joan Robson, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, Megan McDonnell, William King, Sharon Moran, Warren Astin, David Belshaw, Joe Kemp, Steve Moss, Mick McKeon, Heather Dost, Muriel Scholey, Rachel Pilkington, Sheila Aspin, Sarah Hybryk, Regina Broadbent, Margaret Pannikar, Martin Howard, Julia Keough, Joe Boylan, Gwen Rawstron, Joe Ward, Veronica Hope, Steve Hindle, Betty Taylor, Rita Phelps, Joe Fleming, Mandy Southall** and all who are sick.

We pray for all who have died recently especially **Breda Basquill, Nikolas Cole, Lilian Mooney, Eric Mullen, Margaret Durkin, Basil Southworth.**

We pray for **Graham Ingram, John Anyon, Kathleen Theresa Brunt, Denis Ramsden, Father Michael Walsh, Joseph Carr, Sister Mary Clare, Tom Calderbank, John Logan, Janet Andrews, Joan Taylor, Norman Bolton, Joseph Dewhurst, Phyllis Filbin, John Casson** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.