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Parish Newsletter for
Sunday 21st December 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
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Please remember in your prayers: the sick and the housebound, at home, in hospital or in residential care.

We remember especially:
Grace Rabino, Herbert Brandstetter, Albert Crisci, Elizabeth Nightingale, Bernadette Clark, Enda Quinn, Clare Graydon-James, Geraldine Day, Margaret Tuszynska, Emmanuel Agholo, Sharon Docherty, Euan Labouchardiere, Doreen Nightingale.

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing and bring strength to those who care for them.

Please pray for those who have died, Paul Ambrose Courtland-Hewlett and remembering especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time.

Vincent Bowgett, Stanislaw Olszewski, Thomas Sawyer, Agnes Paddock, Joseph Murphy, John Martin, Helga Sieloff, Thomas Gatley, Sarah Langford, Kathleen Covill, Mary Hanifan, Richard Diedo, Gloria Westrip, Barbara Brennan, Francis Aloisio.

May these and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of Christ.

THIS WEEK – MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	20th	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Penitential Service First Mass of Sunday	Rev Vincent Bowgett RIP – J Cowley
Sunday	21st	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent – A	People of the Parish
Monday	22nd	9.00am	Communion Service	
Tuesday	23rd	9.00am		Michael & Shirley Minton RIP
Wednesday	24th	5.00pm 11.30pm 12.00pm	Christmas Mass Carol Service XMas Midnight Mass	Marcella Mary Morgan: F M Richard Diedo RIP – Diedo Family
Thursday	25th	9.00am 10.30am	Christmas Day Mass (Nativity of the Lord)	
Friday	26th	10.00am	St Stephen's	
Saturday	27th	10.00am 6.30pm	St John First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday	28th	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – A	People of the Parish

Regular Parish Activities

Monday to Friday: Exposition & Adoration at 8.30am

Wednesday – Children's Choir meet at 6pm in the Conference Center.

Wednesday – Legion of Mary meet at 6pm in the Sacristy.

Wednesday – Senior Parishioners Afternoon Tea Party - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm in the Conference Center.

Thursday – Knights of St Columba: Every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Holiday

Fr Emeka will be travelling in January for his holiday to celebrate his Priestly Silver Jubilee anniversary. Kindly make your January bookings now before he travels.

Christmas Offerings

Over the Christmas period the main collection, by tradition, will be our personal offerings to Father Emeka. Christmas and Easter are the two times in the year when we can show our love and support for him in this very practical way as he receives no salary from the diocese or the wide church. **CASH DONATIONS** should be made using your Gift Aid envelope if you are a scheme member and **CHEQUES** should be made out to **RCAS DARTFORD ST VINCENT**. If you are not able to make the Christmas services you can drop an envelope clearly marked "Father Emeka", with your gift aid number if appropriate, through the parish house door. Alternatively, you can donate either by **BANK TRANSFER to 07536283 Sort code 600633** and use the reference "Emeka or Christmas Offering" or by our **CARD READER** at the back of the Church.

New Year

Wednesday 31 December 11.30pm Mass (to welcome new year)

Thursday 1 January 9.00am (Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)

Flowers and Decorations Collection

This weekend we will have a retiring collection to cover the costs of the flowers and other decorations for our church at Christmas. We are very grateful to the team who take care of this Church at Christmas, and indeed all year.

Senior Parishioner's Christmas Dinner

It was lovely to attend this year's annual event to join 45 senior parishioners who supported the parish for many years, some since it was formed. It couldn't have happened without the happy crew of volunteers - many of whom have cooked and served for 20 years at this joyful Christmas event. We thank all the volunteers.

We wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas