



Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish

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Marion McKean RIP – Mark, Paul & Jenn would like to offer their deep gratitude for all of the kind messages of love, support and offers of help following Marion's passing. They are overwhelmed to see how loved she was in the parish and say a massive thank you to everyone. We will be celebrating Marion's Requiem on Friday, please remember to keep her and the family in your prayers.

Christmas Masses - Due to Covid-19 regulations we can only allow a maximum of **80 people** in church at any one Mass.

To cater for possible numbers there will be four Masses at Christmas – two at **6.00pm and 8.00pm** on **Christmas Eve** and two on **Christmas morning** at **9.30am and 11.00am**. As we have to ensure that we do not go over the maximum number permitted at each Mass we are asking you to register with details of the number of people in your household or bubble and which Mass you wish to attend.

Please note that we have reached the maximum number for both the Christmas Eve Masses so cannot take any more requests for places. There are a number of places still available for the 9-30am Christmas Morning Mass and 10 available for the 11am Mass.

If you would like to book a place please email your request to ham.parishadm@gmail.com or if you are in church for Mass/private prayer please give your details to one of the stewards.

Stewards will be on duty at all the Masses and they will show you to the seats allocated to you. So that we can accommodate everyone it might mean that you will not be able to sit where you normally do in church. Face coverings must be worn, social distancing must be maintained at all times and you will be asked to sanitise your hands when entering and leaving.

If you know of someone who would like to attend Mass but does not have email please could you print out and deliver this message to them and help them to respond.

Please note - as it will be impossible to celebrate our traditional children's Mass Fr Phil is going to record a special children's Mass and you will be able to view this on the parish website <https://holypostlesandmartyrs.org> on Christmas Eve.

Church will be open for **private prayer** on the following days and times this week and **Masses will resume as normal from Wednesday:**

Sunday	9.30am – 11.30am
Monday	9.15am – 10.00am
Tuesday	6.30pm – 7.15pm

ADVENT APPEAL for Foodbank donations - A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Reverse Advent Calendar during November, your generosity is amazing. The Foodbank does not need specific Christmas donations but are currently short of the following: **tinned fish, meat and rice pudding, Tea, coffee, sugar** (small if possible), **juice, toothbrushes & toothpaste**. Thanks for your support.

29th November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent
Year B

Psalter Week III

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Response to Psalm 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us & we shall be saved

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13: 33-37

Please pray for the sick, housebound and all those self-isolating in our parish. May the Lord in his love & mercy help them through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers **Marion McKean, James Rathbone, Albert Maguire** those named on November Lists and all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Social Media

Twitter: @HamParish

Facebook Page: Holy
Apostles Catholic Parish

Church Garden

Thank you for the generous donations of bulbs. They have all been planted and will brighten up the garden in the spring. Thank you also for the pumpkins which will enrich the compost. We will continue to meet in pairs during lockdown so it is essential to book your place: Monday or Wednesday 1.30-2.30 or 2.30 to 3.30. Please call Anne on 07910 960316. Thank you.

Diocesan Year Books –

available this weekend price £5

Mass cards The cards are available in church but not on display. Please ask a steward to select a card for you and then place your payment in the box on the wall at the back of church. Cards are either £1 or 50p.

The SVP assist anyone who would like a visit at home or who needs practical help. Please contact us, email: svphelp@ gmail.com or ring our confidential phone number 07563966654 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Online giving to the Parish –

An online donation facility to enable you to give to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. Please be aware that the minimum donation is £5 and you can Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	(People of the Parish)
Sunday	(George McLaughlin)
Monday	(Dec'd members of Schmack Family)
Tuesday	(Kevin Ford)
Wednesday	9.30am (Tony Welsh)
Thursday	9.30am (Marion McKean)
Friday	9.30am (Special Intention – Kate & Family) *11.30am (Requiem Mass for Marion McKean)
Saturday	6.00pm (Intentions of McGrath Family)
Sunday	9.30am (People of the Parish) 11.00am (Marion McKean)

**Restricted numbers, family & invited guests only*

Fairtrade and Chocolate Gifts - We have delicious selections of Divine Fairtrade chocolate bars gift wrapped for sale: Dark or Milk selections of 5 large bars @ £9; Selection of 5 small mixed milk, white and dark bars @ £3.75. Please leave orders in the Fairtrade basket in church or call Anne on 07910960316. Delivery or collection can be arranged.

Thank you for the Christmas cards orders. There's still time to order. Catalogues are in church or on this link: <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>

A Live Simply parish initiative - We need your used postage stamps! Reduce waste, recycle old stamps and support Reaching the Unreached: - <https://www.rtu.org.uk>. Start harvesting stamps from your post, particularly over the Christmas Season. Carefully remove excess paper, leaving approx. 1cm around the stamp. There is a Reaching the Unreached collection box for your stamps at the back of the church. Please place your stamps in the box as you are coming into church if possible. We'll also take any used stamps you have already collected. All stamps will be sent to Reaching the Unreached. Please call or text Claire Hetherington on 07948 727504 if you have any questions. Many Thanks.

Message from SVP –

On **Tuesday 1 December** the SVP will be taking part in **Giving Tuesday** a global movement powered by social media to counteract the consumerism of Black Friday and support charitable causes with 24 hours of giving. This year has been tougher than ever for the people we support, with the effects of loneliness and isolation more apparent. With your help we aim to raise over **£5,000 in 24 hours** for the SVP Covid-19 Recovery Programme; funds which will allow us to extend our reach even further, to reach people suffering the effects of poverty and isolation. A generous donor has agreed to match £1 for every £1 donated on the day (capped up to £5,000)- which means we could raise a wonderful £10,000 and double the impact of your support. If you wish to donate on the day, go to svp.org.uk/donate and select Giving Tuesday.