

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

| DATE  | TIME                                 | EVENT  |                          |
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| 18 <sup>TH</sup> —21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER   | 9:30AM<br>7:30PM                     | MORNING MASS<br>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS (SIMBANG GABI)   |                          |
| 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER                     | 9:30AM<br>10:30—12PM<br>7:30PM—9PM   | MORNING MASS<br>CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP IN CHURCH & HOUSE<br>RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSIONS |                          |
| 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER                     | 10 AM<br>6:30PM                      | MORNING MASS<br>SUNDAY VIGIL MASS  |                          |
| 24 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER                     | 8:30AM                               | <h1>SUNDAY MASSES</h1>   |                          |
| SUNDAY<br>(CHRISTMAS EVE)                     | 10:30AM                              |  |                          |
|   | 6 <sup>30</sup> PM                   |  | CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS |
|   | 11 <sup>30</sup> PM                  |  | CAROL SERVICE            |
|   | 12 AM                                |  | CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS  |
| 25 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER<br>CHRISTMAS DAY    | 8 <sup>30</sup> AM, 10:30AM<br>& 6PM | <h1>CHRISTMAS MASSES</h1>  |                          |
| 26 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER<br>ST STEPHEN'S DAY | 10 AM                                | <h1>ALTAR SERVER'S DAY</h1>  |                          |

**COMING TO THE U.K.**

**SR BRIEGE MCKENNA O.S.C  
FR PABLO ESCRIVA DE ROMANI**

*24th to 28th February 2024*

*St Chad's Parish - South Norwood*



**WEEK OF CATECHESIS**

A TIME FOR A DEEPENING OF OUR FAITH

## SR BRIEGE MCKENNA AND FR PABLO ESCRIVA

SR BRIEGE WILL BE HERE AT ST CHAD'S FOR OUR PARISH CATECHETICAL WEEK IN 2024. THE CATECHETICAL WEEK RUNS FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OF MARCH. IT WILL BE PRECEDED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY BY A PASTORAL VISIT FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON. THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS BEEN SO GRACIOUS IN FACILITATING SR BRIEGE'S AND FR PABLO'S VISIT—LOTS OF IMMIGRATION HURDLES, SAFEGUARDING, LETTERS FROM THEIR BISHOPS ETC. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS TO RAISE THE FUNDS. (AN ESTIMATE OF

£5000). WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME AMOUNT: HAMPER AT DOOR —£452; AN ANONYMOUS PERSON —£400; THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY —£75. WE ARE NOW LOOKING AT £4,073. BOTH SR BRIEGE AND FR PABLO SAY THEY PREFER TO STAY IN OUR PRESBYTERY. PART OF THE FUND WILL BE USED TO MAKE ONE OF THE ROOMS ENSUITE SO THAT SHE COULD HAVE HER OWN PRIVACY. AT THIS POINT, WE APPEAL FOR GOODWILL DONATIONS. THIS IS NOT AN EVERYDAY OPPORTUNITY AND YOUR SACRIFICE TOWARDS ITS REALISATION WILL BE RICHLY BLESSED BY GOD.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Ambrose Ohene C.S.Sp.

**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Goba C.S.Sp.

**Parish Secretary:** Karen Maria Dadson

*Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am—3:00pm*

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Or call the Presbytery DURING OFFICE HOURS

## WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (10 December 2023)

**SUNDAY MASSES:** VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

**DAILY MORNING MASSES:** 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

**WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK**

**& ADORATION: 7:30PM; FRIDAY EVENING MASS: 7:30PM**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TUESDAY: 10AM—12NOON,**

**WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, SUNDAY: 4:30PM— 6:00PM**

**CONFESSIONS: BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)**

**ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)**

**BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)**

### DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

**MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);**

**TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group**

**SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).**

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**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**



**Sick and Housebound:** Cherlez Philip; Lucy Martin; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; William Curran, Roy Alleyne, Uley Headlam, Daniele Arthurine Massamba, Deborah Ohene.

**Recently Deceased:** Esau Rahim, Jean Maher, Marjorie Osammor, Paulina Philips, Cecilia Fapohunda, Philomena Fitchley, Trudy Obiandu, Noel Joseph, Patricia Still, Felicia Mestura Oresanya, Noreen Carruthers, Peter Green, Annette Rebeiro, Patrick Murray, Mary Clerkin, Christopher Nettey, Tom Lobo, Michael Dougan, Gloria St Romaine, Maria Troisi, Paddy O'Shea, Nkiru Monyei, Adeboye Sofoluwe, Anthony Davidson, Mary O'Grady, Sylvia Moore, Jimmy Conwey, Mary Obiorah, Elianne Andam, Josephine Adeola Ajai, Selina Tay, Aubrey Middlecoat, Monica Abena Okyerebea Benn-Ussher, Immaculate Isietu, Frank Nana Sarpong, Anthony Curtis Dabor, Evelyn Ihuoma.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (10/12/23) Year B

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|        | Vigil Mass on Saturday | 6:30PM     | - For the Youth of the Parish                        |
|   |                        | 8:30AM     | - For success of our parish mission 2024             |
|   |                        | 10:30AM    | - Birthday & Thanksgiving: Agnes Konadu              |
|   |                        | 4:30PM     | - 90 minutes with Jesus                              |
|   |                        | 6:00PM     | - People of the parish                               |
| <b>MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER<br/>ST DAMASUS I</b>   |                        | 9:30AM     | - RIP: Sr Joan O'Donovan                             |
| <b>TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER<br/>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE<br/>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b> |                        | 9:30AM     | - RIP: Anthony Curtis Dabor                          |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER<br/>ST LUCY<br/>EVENING MASS, ADORATION &amp; ROSARY</b>    |                        | 10-12PM    |  |
|   |                        | 9:30AM     | - For success of our parish mission in February 2024 |
| <b>THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER<br/>ST JOHN OF THE CROSS</b>                                 |                        | 7:30PM     | - Sick & Housebound parishioners                     |
|   |                        | 9:30AM     | - Holy Souls   |
| <b>FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER<br/>EVENING MASS</b>   |                        | 9:30AM     | - Praying for the poor and needy                     |
|   |                        | 7:30pm     | - <b>ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS</b>                   |
| <b>SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER<br/>WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS</b>                             |                        | 10:00AM    | - Unity in the Parish                                |
|   |                        | 12:00 NOON | - TESFA & RUTH TESFU (25th Wedding Anniversary)      |
| <b>VIGIL MASS</b>   |                        | 6:30PM     | - For the Youth                                      |

| 1st collection | Gift Aid | Online/dona | Total     | Tithe | Thank you very much |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|
| £287.33        | £396.50  | £850.07     | £1,533.90 | £210  |                     |

### STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



**CHRISTMAS SHARING OF LOVE:** Any family who feels touched by God's love and wants to give gifts to other parishioners or to a child should please place their gifts, well wrapped and labelled e.g. boy 5 years old, girl 2 years old, etc under the Christmas Tree. Other items that can be shared with families and needy people are things like Rice, Cooking Oil, thermal wears, etc. I will like to visit Elianne Andam's mum this Christmas with gifts from St Chad's.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING SUNDAY:** From January 2024, we are establishing— first on an experimental basis— what we call sharing Sunday on the 1st Sunday of every month. We could share food together on that day **BUT NO ALCOHOL IS WELCOME IN OUR HALL ON THAT DAY.**

**CHRISTMAS STOCK IN REPOSITORY:** We now have Christmas items for sale with limited Christmas cards, Calendars and Candles. All at very reasonable prices.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE:** 31st December, 8pm—1am. Tickets £20 if purchased before 1st December. The Hades Band are playing. BYO food and drinks. Great raffle prizes. Tickets now on sale.

**Children's Liturgy in December:** As the hall is in use on many Sundays in December, there will be just one opportunity for Children's Liturgy in December. This will be at the **10:30 am mass on Sunday 17th December** and all children will be welcome. There will also be coffee in the hall after mass on the 17th and 24th of December. Everyone welcome.

**Bidding Prayer:** We pray for the visit of Archbishop John Wilson, Sr Briege and Fr Pablo to our parish in February 2024, that the Lord may pour out abundantly upon all parishioners His graces during the Archbishop's visit and parish mission.

### PRAYER FOR ST CHAD'S PARISH

Almighty Father, we wish to commit our Parish of St Chad into your merciful hands. We want to be a vibrant and flourishing parish formed after your heart, a family of missionary disciples of Jesus where love and service spread out from us to everybody. Touch the hearts of all of us and everybody within our parish to experience once again the power of the Risen Christ so that our hearts can be filled with Your love, joy, courage, strength and unity. We commit to you in a special way, the sick, the housebound, the struggling, even the weary. May Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help be always close to us her children in all our hour of need. We make all these prayers through the merits of Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.