

Pa-Rum-Pa-Pa-Pum: A Christmas Sing-a-long

Saturday 1st December 2018:

It is 2 weeks until our Parish Christmas Sing-a-long. It is an uplifting event for the community to come together at the beginning of Advent, so please make sure you put the date in your diary!

The Vigil MASS will be at the earlier time of 3.00pm. The stalls and refreshments will open immediately after MASS and the Sing-a-long will begin at 4.30pm, lasting approximately an hour and ending with the Grand Draw.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time and talents so far. The sign-up sheet is still at the back of the Church if you are able to help in any way.

We rely on the support of the Parish for donations for the tombolas [**bottles and chocolate**] and refreshments [**mulled wine and mince pies**] and for volunteers to help the event happen in a smooth and successful way. *Please leave donations in the labelled box in the Church foyer.*

If you are able to make a donation of a raffle prize, or know of anyone we could ask, please contact Tracy Shields on tracybshields@hotmail.com

If you are able to help out in any way, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Lucy or add your name and contact details to the list at the back of Church.

Lucy Tipp - email: lucytipp@gmail.com mob: 07771746975

Thank You!

Grand Draw Raffle Tickets are now available. Please give a hand in selling them.

Deacon Jack's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place in Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. His first MASS will be here in St Mary's on Thursday, 20th December at 10.00am, followed by coffee in the Parish Room. Deacon Jack's first Sunday MASS will be on Sunday, 23rd December at 9.30am, followed by an extended coffee morning with cutting of a celebration cake. All very welcome.

SVP - Our SVP group are looking for a small microwave, single bed base and a small flat screen TV. If you can help, please contact Phil Ronan on 01892 662688. Thank you.

Advent Candles/Wreaths: A limited number of candle sets for Advent wreaths and kits for making fresh Advent wreaths [oasis ring, 5 candles and candle holders] will be for sale in Church after MASSES on 17/18th and 24/25th November:- Candle Sets - £3.50. Whole Kit - £7.50.

Piety Stall Cards: There is a wide selection of occasion and religious cards available to purchase from the second Sacristy at any MASS [Bereavement/Sympathy, Get Well, Baptism, Wedding, Anniversaries, MASS Intentions, Birthday]. Also some blank cards. First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards available on request. Please leave the money in the wall box [marked Cards/Piety Stall] in the front porch.

Advent Calendars: Calendars will be available to purchase on the weekends of 17/18th and 24/25th November.

Beyond Redemption: This play, written by Crowborough playwright, Hilary Mackelden, tells the story of Jesus' passion from the point of view of Jacob, the soldier who arrested and tortured him, Miriam, his wife and their teenage daughter, Deborah. The play will be staged in 6 churches, including St Mary's, in Lent 2019. If you would like to be considered for one of the roles, auditions will be held at All Saints' Church on Saturday, 24th November from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and St Denys Church, Rotherfield on Sunday, 25th November from 2.30pm. Rehearsals will commence in January. For further details, please email beyondredemption18@gmail.com

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