Mary's Christmas Dream

I had a dream, Joseph, I don't understand it, but in it, people were having a birthday celebration for our Son.

In my dream people had been preparing for it for some weeks beforehand. They put lovely red berried holly and tinsel all around the house and bought new clothes.

They went shopping and bought elaborate gifts. But I found it strange that these presents were not for Our son, but for themselves.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and placed them under a tree which they call a Christ Mass Tree. I did think that this must be in memory of Our son. They'd decorated the tree with all sorts of colourful decorations.

The branches were covered with sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like a protective angel. I must say, I thought it was beautiful especially if it was in honour of Our Son.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited and at first, I thought it was excitement for Our Son's birthday. But in all their celebrations I again found it strange that they never mentioned His name. How can you have a birthday where the little child whose birthday it is, is not mentioned?

I had the strangest feeling that if your Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me cry for Our little Son, that he was not wanted at His own birthday celebration.

I'm glad it was only a dream! How terrible if it had been real!

There will be a **Funeral Service** for **Lee Kent RIP** on Tuesday 24th December at 9.45am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church

May he rest in peace

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Robert Bellarmine's Church;
Christmas Eve – Carols from **4.30pm**
First Mass of Christmas **5.00 pm**
Christmas Day – **11.00 am**

St Elizabeth's Church;
Christmas Eve – First Mass of Christmas **7.00 pm**
Christmas Day – **9.30 am**

A very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year to all Parishioners of St Robert Bellarmine's and visitors over the holiday season.

Synod 2020

The second Synod Theme is **'Sharing the Mission of Jesus.'**

In this theme we reflect on how we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Reflection leaflets and forms are available – please take time to explore and reflect on this theme.

You can submit Proposals on this second Theme by handing them to our Synod members at Church, placing them in the Synod box at the display table.

Our Parish meeting to discuss this theme will now be held on **Sunday 5th January 2020** from 12.00 noon and will last for 1 hour

Offertory Collection

£443.31

Cafod

£10.00

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity

All Called and Gifted by God – Synod Theme One

One of the proposals we received for theme one was to 'involve more lay people in services.'

If you can help in any way, or you would like to be involved in some other way within the Parish, could you please speak with Christine, Anne-Marie or Michael and make us aware of your wishes and we can discuss it with you further.

Exposition and Holy Hour at St Elizabeth's Church will not take place on Friday 27th December but will resume on Friday 3rd January from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
All are welcome.

ROSES

As all the roses are now planted, pruning, feeding and spraying will be done in the spring under the supervision of Tom O'Connor, our gardener.

If you have any questions, or for more information, please speak to Delia

Any donations of tea, coffee, soup or biscuits would be gratefully received by The Whitechapel Centre.
Please leave your gift at the back of Church.
Thank you

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**	
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Jody Pennington (Anniversary Remembrance)**	
Monday	10.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Tuesday	**9.00 am**	**Mary McCoy (Remembrance)**	
Tuesday	**5.00 pm**	**Eileen and Eugene Callaghan (Christmas Remembrance)**	
Wednesday	**11.00 am**	**Parishioners Intentions**	
Thursday	10.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	St Stephen
Friday	**9.00 am**	**Len Delamere (Anniversary Remembrance)**	**St John**

THE FIRST MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Nora Houlton (Birthday Remembrance)**

Confessions – St Elizabeth's – Saturdays -11.30 – 12 noon and on request

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
Please remember the sick and those who care for them.

Lately Dead: Lee Kent, Paddy Doran, Annie Savage, Pat Kelly

Anniversaries: Jody Pennington, Len Delamere, Geoff Gavan

Sick; James Roche, Daniel Harden, Robbie Pennington, Bill Sainsbury, Amanda Fessey, Christopher Brown, Joyce Sainsbury, Jonathan Noble, James Johnson, Philip Shepherd Eleanor McCaffrey, Sheila Thompson, Jacqueline Johnstone, Peter West, Julie Machell, Katie Rushton, Sandra Dryhurst, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Corris, Eddie Swarbrick, Ann Mardell, Colin Faulke, Richard Potts, Poppy Jessop, Mary (Traynor) Hemmings, Gerald Culligan Snr, Ann & Joe Johnson, Chris Parkes, Gerard Burke, Cayle Royce, David Morgan, Tom Niblock, Jose Howard, Michael Hanton, Hilda Prince, Roisin Dooley, Baby Lucy Hand, Ethan Hand, Ann Bretherton, Thomas Bainbridge, Mary Wild, Karl McGee, Arthur Snellgrove, Seanie Jones, Ann Bailey, Susan Neary, Jimmy Doyle, Mary Simpson, Doug Faulke, John Rimmer, Mike Keelan, Phil Jones.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

6.30pm – J Rehm, S Jolley, M Murphy
Reader – J Jones

11am – D Faulke, P Faulke, M Wildman
Reader – T Wainwright