



Dear Parishioner,

Within a few hours we are going to welcome the New Year 2022.

Let us thank God for every blessing we cherished in our personal life, families and parish.

With the Psalmist, let us also acclaim: **"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise him"** (Psalm 28:7).

With great joy and hope, let us welcome the New Year 2022. A very special blessing for us all is found in tomorrow's first reading [Numbers 6:22-27]:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

On this first day of the year, we also celebrate the solemnity of **Mary, the Mother of God**. With Pope Francis, we too pray: Holy Mother of God, to you we consecrate this New Year. You, who know how to cherish things in your heart, care for us, bless our time, and teach us to find time for God and for others. With joy and confidence, we acclaim you: Holy Mother of God! Amen.

My Health: I sincerely thank you for your prayers and kindness. I am still recovering from the Covid infection, but have to complete my isolation. I hope to offer my first Mass after the isolation on **Thursday 6 January - Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. **This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation so Mass times are 9.15am and 6.30pm.** As we are still in the pandemic, both Masses will be livestreamed as well offered in the church.

New Year Mass: As I am unable to offer a Mass for the congregation, I will offer the Holy Mass via Zoom at 12 noon tomorrow. Please join and convey this message to your family and friends. Zoom id: 7578777461 and Password 20212021

Sunday Masses: we shall have all Sunday Masses as usual [Sat 6.30pm; Sunday - 9am and 11.30pm]. Fr Clive will celebrate the Masses.

Weekday Masses: The Communion services will be done by Deacon Vincent on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the usual time of 9.15am. Thereafter, I will offer the Masses as usual.

Manna Mission: As Lewisham Borough is one of the places in the UK where Covid cases reached record high, we postpone our Manna Mission until further notice. In case you find anyone who is in need, please let us know.

9PM Monastery: After a short Christmas break, we are going to resume our Night Prayer of the Church on Sunday [2 Jan]. Between 30 to 50 families pray every night and receive God's blessing before going to sleep. Please join and experience Peace and friendship. It is a great help for many in this Pandemic. Zoom id: 7578777461 and Password 20212021

**May you and your family have a blessed New Year 2022.
May it be filled with peace, joy and good health for all of us.**

With every Blessing
Fr Antony