

GIVE A VERY SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS



As we approach the holy season of Advent, we would like to ask our wonderful, parish community to please consider donating a Christmas gift to those around us who are most in need. In the past, you have all responded with overwhelming generosity to this appeal and, as a result, we have distributed Christmas gifts to the Berkshire Women's Aid Refuges, the Bracknell LIFE House, local Care Homes and many disadvantaged families in the local community. This year, we would love, once again, to distribute your gifts to these places and to those who are sick, housebound and may be shielding.

However, as we are all aware, circumstances are now quite different and more restricted. So, we have thought carefully about how best to collect your gifts, while keeping everybody safe. The process we propose below is simple and safe. All we ask is that you please **DO NOT DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY**.

You can choose to give from any or all the following options

a) Give a wrapped gift for a mother or child at the Berkshire Women's Aid Refuge or Bracknell LIFE House. If you would like to do this then please contact the Pastoral Care Team for details, either by email: pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or by phone: 07394440938

b) Give an unwrapped gift of sweet treats, e.g. for adults, boxed sweet biscuits or confectionery; for children, boxes, or stockings of confectionery.



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c) *Give an unwrapped gift of toiletry treats*, e.g. boxed gift sets for women, men, or children



d) *Give some unwrapped, loose toiletry items*, such as shower gels, special soaps, bubble bath, bath oil, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, new toothbrushes and small hand towels. These will then be made into gift bags and baskets.



We can only accept the gift items specified here and these must be new, unused and, if edible, unopened and well within their sell by dates.

For all options, except the wrapped gifts (option a), please bring your donated items to the Gift Gazebo that will be set up in the back garden of the church, *on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th between 12 noon and 2pm.*

PLEASE DO NOT bring ANY items to the church or presbytery doors, at any other time. These will have to be refused and anything left outside will have to be thrown away.

However, if you can collect any of the items above, please bring your gifts to the Gift Gazebo, *on Saturday December 5th and Sunday December 6th between Midday and 2pm*

Thank you so much for your generosity