

St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 17.12.17

9:30 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Mass: Marian Beltowski RIP

Confessions

Mass: Glenys McShane RIP

Monday, 18.12.17

9:30 am

10:00 am

Advent Feria

Mass: Johny Purcell, Eileen Delaney and all deceased members from the Purcell and Delaney Families

Rosary

Tuesday, 19.12.17

9:00 am

Advent Feria

Mass at school

Wednesday, 20.12.17

9:30 am

10:00 am

6.30 pm

Advent Feria

Mass: Joe Sweeney RIP

Rosary

Exposition and Confessions (till 8m)



Thursday, 21.12.17

Advent Feria No Mass

Friday, 22.12.17

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Advent Feria

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Thanksgiving int. for the Purcell, Doran, Nolan and Delaney Families

Saturday, 23.12.17

10:00 am

10:30 am

Advent Feria

Mass: Bridget Kelleher RIP

Confessions



Sunday, 24.12.17

9:30 am

6:00 pm

9:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass: Jose Madarico and Joe Villaplaza RIP

Vigil Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity

Mass: Deceased members of the Barry and Neale Families

Mass: For the Simpson and Corr Families



YOUR OFFERINGS: 10TH DECEMBER £110.58 (GIFT-AID £0.00)
SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES FUND RAISED £34.57
Church Cleaning this week: Team A (Wednesdays after morning Mass)

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216

PARISH ADMINISTRATION: If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please call the parish on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 11.30am.

CONTACTING THE PARISH: If you need to get a message to the priest or the parish then please leave your message on the presbytery answer phone: 01902 736440 or 07857462527 (Emergency Mobile), or e-mail: stpatricks220@sky.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Violet Griffin, Patricia Killeen, Patricia Padley, Ron & Josie Whittingham, Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris,



Margaret Tiernan, Charlie Stokes, Michael Gough, Mary Carroll, Sally McNulty, Sheila Thomas, deacon Michael Ainsworth, Paul Bristow, Maureen Locke, Fergus Fallon, John Farrell, Raiens Scerbejs, Bernie Davies, Bill Fletcher, Ian Middleton, Gerry Simpson, Catherine Haddon, Michael Thornton. *If you are not able to get to Mass (e.g. you're going into hospital) or if you notice someone who has not been at Mass recently, let know Fr Dawid or Gerry Simpson.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN DECEMBER (part 3):

Malcolm Pearson, Patricia Spear, Sheila Connor, Mavis Kelly, Annie Callaghan, Michael McGowran, Mary Ryan, Marjorie Slimmon, Ervin Modelski, Margaret Hale, Maureen Bobrowski, Connor Kilgallon, David Meller, Lawrence Norris, Hilda Bruerton, Gareth Dunn, Betty Doyle, John Curran, Helena Wells.



TODAY, 17th DECEMBER, IS GAUDETE SUNDAY *Gaudete* is the Latin for *Rejoice* which is the first word of today's Entry Antiphon. Today the Church looks forward to the joy of Christmas – we light the third candle of the Advent wreath (it is rose-coloured). Today the priest's vestments can be changed for the day from the purple of Advent to rose; true rose is a paler purple, not just pink, and so the theme of Advent is continued.



OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE A big thank you to all those who have made contributions to the prizes so far. The draw will take place next **Sunday 17th December** after the 9.30 Mass in the hall.

HYMN PRACTICE every third Sunday of the month after morning Mass. Please note that there are **no practice today due to Christmas Raffle Draw**. Next practice: Sunday 21st January. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT NEW CROSS HOSPITAL The chaplaincy team will once again be singing Christmas Carols for the patients, staff and visitors around the wards of New Cross Hospital. We will meet on Tuesday, 19th December at 6pm in the New Cross Hospital Chapel, location C4, just off the main hospital corridor. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN WOLVERHAMPTON DEANERY The Light is on for YOU. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this Advent. An opportunity to seek once more the Father's Mercy in different churches in the Wolverhampton Deanery on Wednesday 20th December from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. During this time there will be Exposition in the churches listed below and a priest seated in the confessional. Come and go! Available in the following churches: St. Bernadette's, St. Christopher's, Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's, Our Lady's, Ss. Mary & John's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's. Other times for confession before Christmas as advertised in the parish bulletin.

MASSES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND FOR CHRISTMAS DAY (24/25th December)

Please note that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is 24th December: Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent do not fulfil the Obligation for Christmas Day, and Masses which fulfil the Obligation for Christmas Day do not fulfil the Obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Therefore, **9.30am Mass on Sunday 24th December fulfils the obligation for the Fourth Sunday in Advent (or any Mass on Saturday evening 23rd December in neighboring churches: Corpus Christi at 5pm, St Joseph's 5.30pm, Our Lady's 7pm).**

And the following Masses on Sunday evening, 24th December, fulfil the obligation for Christmas Day: Sunday 6pm (Vigil Mass), 9pm ('Midnight Mass') and 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day, Monday 25th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sessions take place Sunday mornings **after 9.30am Mass in the Parish hall**. Lesson dates: 17th Dec, 7th Jan, 14th Jan, 21st Jan, 28th Jan, 11th Feb, 18th Feb, 25th Feb, 4th Mar, 11th Mar, 18th Mar, 25th Mar, 8th April, 15th April, 22nd April, 29th April, 6th May and 13th May.

CATHOLICS SCHOOLS Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.ors.uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.