

# St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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## TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

**Sunday, 15.12.19**

9:30 am

3:00 pm

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Mass: John Marsh RIP

Parish Advent Carol Service

Confessions

Mass: Benny Crawford RIP

**Gaudete Sunday**



**Monday, 16.12.19**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass: Thanksgiving intention from the Belano family

Rosary

**Tuesday, 17.12.19**

10:30 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass at St Mary & John's church

**Wednesday, 18.12.19**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass: Peter Colton RIP

Rosary

**Thursday, 19.12.19**

9:00 am

6:30 pm

**Advent Feria**

Mass at the school

Advent Confessions (with Adoration till 8pm)



**Friday, 20.12.19**

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

**Advent Feria**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: For Jimmy Collins, Devlin and Swingell Family, Philomena, Tom Doherty, Mike, Fr Geoff and all priests

**Saturday, 21.12.19**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass: Intentions of Gerry and Kath

Confessions

**Sunday, 22.12.19**

9:30 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mass: Leslie Hannon and Liam Seymour RIP

Confessions

Mass: Private Intention

**Confessions:** Sat. after 10:00am Mass & Sun. 5:30-5:50 pm or on request



**YOUR OFFERINGS: 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC £1033.47 (GIFT-AID £737.00)**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES FUND RAISED £174.75**

**Church Cleaning this week: Team A (Wednesdays after morning Mass)**

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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please visit the parish office on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 12.00noon or leave your message on the presbytery answer phone: 01902 736440 or e-mail: stpatrick220@sky.com

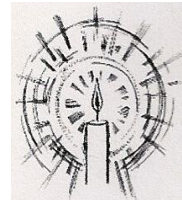


**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Violet Griffin, Patricia Padley, Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris, Sally McNulty, Jack Byrne, Catherine Finnegan, Doris McShane, Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Fergus Fallon, Gerry Simpson, Michael Lockett, Obed, Charito, Melchor, Darcy Jamandri, Norma and Marivic Orenca. *Names may be added to this list only with the specific permission of the infirm person for whom prayers are requested.*



**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, 15<sup>th</sup> 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. **THE CHURCH INCREASES THE PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS** in the liturgy. From 17th December each day has its own special Mass, and the Evening Prayer of the Church each day has a "Great Antiphon" all of which begin with the cry "O". These very ancient antiphons are familiar to us in the translation "O come, O come, Emmanuel" which we sing at this time. These antiphons express something of our natural desire for Christ to come to us: *You are all children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness.*



**PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** at St Patrick's will take place on Sunday 15th December at 3pm beginning in the church then in the Parish Hall for refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES ANND STAFF** on the wards at **NEW CROSS** hospital. We meet at 6pm in the chapel (C4) on Tuesday 17th December. All welcome to come along.



**OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** The tickets are still available at the back of church. If you would like to donate prizes, please see Fr Dawid or **fill in Grand Raffle list at the back of the church**. The draw will take place on Sunday 15th December after the Carol Service at 3pm (about 3.45pm in the hall).

**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 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Anthony's, St. Christopher's (Codsall), Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's (W-ton), St Joseph's (Darlaston), Our Lady's, Ss. Mary & John's, St Theresa's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's. Other times for confession before Christmas as advertised in the bulletin.

**PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Lesson Dates on following Saturdays 11am – 1.30pm in the sacristy: **18<sup>th</sup> Jan**, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (First Confession). First Holy Communion will be held at St Patrick's on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 9.30am.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.** Sessions, lasting between 1 hour and 90 minutes, on Saturday mornings at 11am in the Presbytery on the following days: **11<sup>th</sup> January**, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March (Confessions), 14<sup>th</sup> March. Confirmation will be held at St Patrick's on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm.

**MISSION BOXES:** Could all parishioners who have a Red Mission Box please bring them to Church before Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December so that they can be emptied and returned to you? Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS:** We hope to make the church as beautiful as possible for Christmas. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the trees and flowers, please put your gift into the collection or give it Fr. Dawid.

