

# St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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## TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

**Sunday, 11.12.16**

9:30 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday**

Mass: Beatrice Lockett RIP

Baptism

Mass: Glenys McShane RIP

**Monday, 12.12.16**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass: Intentions of Kathleen Callaghan

Rosary



**Tuesday, 13.12.16**

1.15 pm

**St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

Mass or Eucharistic service at New Cross Hospital

**Wednesday, 14.12.16**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church**

Mass: Intentions of Mary Cassidy

Rosary

**Thursday, 15.12.16**

NO MASS

**Advent Feria**

**Friday, 16.12.16**

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

**Advent Feria**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Holy Souls



**Saturday, 17.12.16**

10:00 am

10:30 am

**Advent Feria**

Mass: Theodor Gladki RIP

Confessions

**Sunday, 18.12.16**

9:30 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mass: Intentions of Gladys Glaxin

Baptism

Mass: Daniel Buckley

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



**YOUR OFFERINGS: 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER £407.69 (GIFT-AID £140.10)**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES RAISED £141.88**

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY (11<sup>TH</sup> DEC): FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY**

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

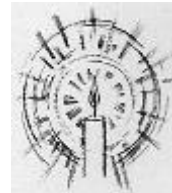
**PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please call the parish on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 11.30am.

**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](mailto:stpatricks220@sky.com)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Violet Griffin, Patricia Killeen, Ron & Josie Whittingham, Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris, Margaret Tiernan, Charlie Stokes, Michael Gough, Mary Carroll, Sally McNulty, Sheila Thomas, Deeanna Simpson, deacon Michael Ainsworth, Paul Bristow, Patricia Padley, Maureen Locke, Fergus Fallon, John Farrell, Raiens Scerbejs. *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 us know.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN DECEMBER (part 2):** Stephanie Golcher, Barbara Condon, Baby Michael Bellavia, Kazimierz Lega, A. Overton, Lorenzo Taylor, Beryl Cunningham, Tina Lockley, George Butler, Gladys Morris, Alice Poulton, Norman Salt, Doreen Mason, Alexander Schurawlew, Elsie Lewis, John Cawley.



**ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** The tickets are available now at the back of church and the tickets with the money can be handed in to the piety stall; thank you to all those who have made contributions to the prizes so far. If you would like to donate prizes, please see Fr Dawid or **fill in Grand Raffle list at the back of church.** The draw will take place next **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** after the 9.30 Mass.



**THE SEASON OF ADVENT** "The season of Advent.....has a twofold character: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's First Coming is remembered; it is a time when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming in the last days. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation." (*Ceremonial of Bishops, n. 236*).

**TODAY, 11<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.

**HELPERS NEEDED** to decorate our Christmas Tree (Thursday 15 December at 10am) and the crib (Tuesday 20 December at 10am). All welcome.

#### **CAROL SERVICES THIS ADVENT:**

- **Army Reserve (formerly Territorial Army)** - 8 pm, Tuesday 13th December, in Our Lady's Church,
- **Ecumenical Carol Service** - 7.30 pm, Friday 16th December, in Corpus Christi Church.

**WALK WITH ME:** The Advent edition of Walk with Me is available at the back of Church. Price £1. Walk with Me gives brief daily guidance for praying with the scriptures for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

**PIETY STALL** Come and take a look at the Piety Stall: Advent Calendars, Diaries, Christmas Cards, Calendars 2017, Nativity sets, Candles. Please have a look.

**HOPE COMMUNITY** Our new address is: Hope Community, 40 Ling House, Long Ley, Heath Town, Wolverhampton, WV10 0HH, Telephone 01902 556645, [www.hopecommunityproject.org.uk](http://www.hopecommunityproject.org.uk) Twitter: @Hope\_Nicolas, Facebook: Hope Community Project.

**SVP APPEAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN** Christmas presents for Boys & Girls age 0-14 would be greatly appreciated. They can be given to the Piety Stall by today, 11/12/2016. Then they will be distributed through Hope Community.

**THE ART OF DYING WELL** is a new website [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. At the back of church, you'll find the prayer cards which feature the traditional prayer for the dying.

**PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION** (for children who **DON'T** attend St Patrick's school). Preparation sessions take place on Sunday mornings after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall (FHC) and the Presbytery (Confirmation). Children should remember to have their *My Journey to First Holy Communion* booklets signed each Sunday by the priest.

