

St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 18.12.16

9:30 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent *Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers*

Mass: Intentions of Gladys Glaxin

Baptism of Mary Doran

Mass: Daniel Buckley



Monday, 19.12.16

9:30 am

10:00 am

Advent Feria

Mass: Mary and William Penzer RIP

Rosary

Tuesday, 20.12.16

1.15 pm

Advent Feria

Mass or Eucharistic service at New Cross Hospital

Wednesday, 21.12.16

9:30 am

10:00 am

Advent Feria

Mass: Birthday intention of Marie Flanagan

Rosary

Thursday, 22.12.16

6:30 pm

Advent Feria

Exposition and Confessions (till 8m)

Friday, 23.12.16

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Advent Feria

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Noel Roy Subade and Fe Cardano RIP



Saturday, 24.12.16

6:00 pm

Vigil for the Solemnity of the Nativity

Christmas Vigil Mass: Jose Madarico RIP

Sunday, 25.12.16

9:00 pm (*Sat*)

9:30 am

Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity

'Midnight' Mass: For the Corr and Simpson Families

Mass: Thanksgiving Intentions of Shainy Glaxin

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



YOUR OFFERINGS: 11TH DECEMBER £400.71 (GIFT-AID £137.20)

SECOND COLLECTION FOR FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY RAISED £120.49

Church Cleaning this week: Team C (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



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 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.



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*).

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".



ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Last chance to buy tickets. The draw will take place **after the 9.30 Mass in the hall.** Thank you to all those who have made contributions to the prizes this year.

HELPERS NEEDED to decorate our crib (Tuesday 20th December at 10am). All welcome.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN WOLVERHAMPTON DEANERY The Light is on for YOU. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). An opportunity to seek once more the Father's Mercy in every church in the Wolverhampton Deanery on Thursday 22nd December from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. During this time there will be Exposition in every church in our deanery and a priest seated in the confessional. *Come and go as you please.* Available at all 13 deanery churches: St. Anthony's, St. Bernadette's, St. Christopher's, Corpus Christi, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's, Our Lady's, Ss. Mary & John's, St. Michael's, St. Patrick's, Ss. Peter & Paul's, St. Teresa's and St. Thomas'. Other times for confession before Christmas as advertised in the parish bulletin.

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.



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.

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.

FATHER DAWID, DEACON MEL AND ALL THE CLERGY FROM SS. MARY & JOHN'S WISH YOU ALL A HOLY, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS