St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 20.12.15 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** ***Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers***
9:30 am Mass: Deceased Members of the Rickward and Gay Families
5:30 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass: Francisco Mercedes and Rodrigo and Raul

Monday, 21.11.15 **Advent Feria**
9:30 am Mass: Margaret Fenlon and Family
10:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, 22.12.15 **Advent Feria**
4:00 pm Mass at New Cross Hospital Chapel

Wednesday, 23.12.15 **Advent Feria**
9:30 am Mass: Peggy and Paddy Turley
10:00 am Rosary

Thursday, 24.12.14 **Vigil for the Solemnity of the Nativity**
6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass: Isaac, Charlie and Mary Josephine Quinn RIP

Friday, 25.12.14 **Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity**
9:00 pm (*Thu*) 'Midnight' Mass: For the Corr and Simpson Families
9:30 am Mass: Thanksgiving Intentions of Shainy

Saturday, 26.12.15 **Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr**
10:00 am Mass: Deceased Members of the Barry and Neale Families
10:30 am Confession

Sunday, 27.12.15 **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
9:30 am Mass: Thanksgiving Intentions
5:30 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass: The Gallagher Family

Confessions: Sat. after 10:00am Mass & Sun. 5:30-5:55 pm or on request

YOUR OFFERINGS: 13TH DECEMBER
COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES: OFFERINGS FOR THE CLERGY
Church Cleaning this week: Team **A** (Wednesdays after morning Mass)
ALL WELCOME to join us for refreshments in the Hall after 9.30am Sunday Mass.

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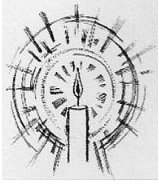
PARISH ADMINISTRATION: If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please call the parish on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 11.00am.

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, Beryl & Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris, Margaret Tiernan, Charlie Stokes, Michael Gough, Mary Carroll, Mary Simonds, Sally McNulty, Tom Kennedy, David, Sheila Thomas, Deeanna Simpson, Dee Mahan, Alan McHugh, Josie & Michael Thornton, deacon Michael Ainsworth, Andy Curran, K. A. Kurian, Paul Bristow. *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 4): Hilda Brownhill, Sylvia Pearson, Antoni Strong, Frances Murray, Patrick Kelly, Joan Watton, Theresa Charlwood, Veronica Brown, May McGovern, Violet Kitajewska, Carol Boneham, Robert Larkin, Kathryn Leach, Janet Zarb, Dorothy Carr, Kathleen Jackson, Thomas Cunningham, Linda Lockett, Carmel Downing.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY begun on 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and it is an opportunity to reflect on how we carry out the Lord's wish that we should be *'Merciful like the Father'.* During the coming year there will be opportunities for specially prepared Liturgies and Reflections. These may be celebrated or offered as parish, deanery or diocesan events. Parishes are being encouraged to join with other Catholics from around the deanery at their nearest Jubilee Church to celebrate some of these Liturgies; plans are under discussion in the Wolverhampton Deanery – the designated Jubilee church in Wolverhampton is Ss. Peter's and Paul's, and events around the various parishes of the Deanery are under consideration.

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".

PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

- Monday, 21st December - St. Michael's at 7 pm,
- Tuesday, 22nd December - Corpus Christi at 7 pm.

A PRAYER AT THE CRIB: "Heavenly Father, may this crib remind us of the Coming of your Son. Grant that all who pray here may be inspired by the example of love and humility that Christ gave us. To all in doubt or uncertainty, grant guidance and inspiration. To all who are oppressed by sin or guilt, grant comfort and healing. Above all, grant to everyone who prays here in faith, the joy of spirit that the angels proclaimed at Christ's Birth. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. **OUR CRIB OFFERING this year goes to FR. HUDSON'S SOCIETY.**

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Preparation sessions take place on Sunday mornings **after 9.30am Mass in the hall**. Next meetings – 20th Dec, 3rd Jan, 10th Jan, 31st Jan, 7th Feb, 21st Feb, 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 10th April, 24th April, 1st May & 8th May.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Preparation sessions take place on Sunday mornings **after 9.30am Mass in the presbytery**. Next meetings – 10th Jan, 24th Jan, 31st Jan, 7th Feb, 14th Feb, 28th Feb, 6th March & 13th March.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - HEAD TEACHER VACANCY Due to the impending retirement of our current, long serving Headteacher the Governing Body of St Patrick's Primary School is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic to lead our successful school. Who we are looking for: Our children want a headteacher who is kind, firm and fun; Our parents want a headteacher who is approachable, supportive and can maximise their children's potential; Our staff want a strong, fair and consistent leader with enthusiasm and passion to inspire them. Dates: **Apply by 6 January 2016** - Required for: 1 September 2016 - Salary: Group 2 L15-21 £54,503/£63,147 School website: *www.stpatrickscatholicprimary.co.uk*

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