

St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 03.01.21

9:30 am

6:00 pm

Second Sunday after the Nativity

Mass: For the Nolan, Reynolds and Hanrahan Families

Mass: Don Russell RIP

Monday, 04.01.21

9:30 am

Christmas Feria

Mass: Brian Hutton RIP

Tuesday, 05.01.21

10:30 am

Christmas Feria

Mass at St Mary & John's



Wednesday, 06.01.21

9:30 am

7:30 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass: Thanksgiving Intention

Mass: Padraige Hanniffy

Thursday, 07.01.21

NO MASS

Christmas Feria

Friday, 08.01.21

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Christmas Feria

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Parishioners

Saturday, 09.01.21

9:30 am

10:00 am

Christmas Feria

Mass: Special Intention

Confessions

Sunday, 10.01.21

9:30 am

6:00 pm

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass: Kochely Thomman RIP

Mass: Parishioners

Confessions: Sat. after 9.30 am Mass or on request



YOUR OFFERINGS: 20TH DEC £871.48 (GIFT-AID £767.50)

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

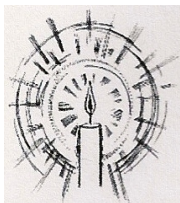
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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, 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 JANUARY (part 1): Annie Kate Conway, Annie Young, Saverio Nardone, James Hannon, John J. Lyons, Daniel Dunlop, Margaret Boyle, Helen Platt, James Jackson, Sarah Howlett, Daniel Mallin, Mary Doran, Mavis Lindley, George Matthews, Lydia Whitehead, Alfred Boote, Francesco Picarella, Patricia Reidy, Mary Williamson, Leonard Hurley, Sarah Chalker, Bronislaw Skwarek, Patrick Wall, Pauline Kaladziunas, Catherine Hodgetts, Daniella Edwards, Bridget Craddock, Clement Clarke.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL STEWARDS who are assisting us according to government guidelines to enable us to celebrate Holy Mass and have the church open to the public; indeed, without the stewards on duty, we are not permitted to open the churches. Meanwhile, we need to be thankful that our churches are open for Holy Mass, even if we would prefer not to have to put up with various safety measures imposed on us.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from Tuesday, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. Full text of the Letter can be found on the Vatican News Website.



EPIPHANY Traditionally, the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th, though in many countries now it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. The word “Epiphany” refers to a “manifestation”, or “showing forth” of the person of Jesus Christ as True God. On this day, we think primarily of the manifestation of Christ to the Magi (or Wise Men) bearing their three prophetic gifts (gold for a king, incense for One who is God, and myrrh for One who is to die i.e. One who shares our humanity). There is a ceremony associated with this Feast day: the Blessing of Chalk: many households mark their entrance door with the year and with the inscription CMB, the initial Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the names of the three wise man in legend. The inscription also stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means ‘Christ, bless this home’. The popular form the inscription takes is 20+C+M+B+21. This Prayer of Blessing may be used for your home: *Lord God of Heaven and Earth, who hast revealed thine only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star: Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their love for others may truly reflect thy love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ATTENDANCE AT HOLY MASS AT ST PATRICK’S Due to the current pandemic situation, there are many requirements for the resumption of public worship, without which we would not be allowed to resume:

- People must provide **face coverings** which **must be worn**.
- **Please arrive in good time**, to minimise queuing outside the church; you will be shown to a seat by one of the stewards.
- Enter by the ramp door. A one-way system will be in place in church.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry.
- Due to social distancing requirements, there is a reduced capacity which is 65. (However, **members of a household/”bubble” may sit together**, and thereby the capacity increases significantly)
- **TRACK AND TRACE: a member of each household is requested to give a name and phone number for the Government track and trace scheme.**
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Offertory collections: a collection plate or basket will be on your way in and out of the Church, so you can leave your offerings as you enter the church. (No offertory collection during the Mass).
- People are encouraged to bring their own Missals/tablets to follow the order of Mass. Any printed newsletters should be taken home because they cannot be re-used.
- **Holy Communion** will be distributed after Holy Mass has been completed. People should queue for Holy Communion in a socially distanced manner, approaching the Altar along the central aisle and in single file. Only the priest will distribute Holy Communion.
- Face coverings/masks should be removed to receive Holy Communion and then replaced immediately.
- People should then proceed down to the exit, and leave via the side door in the chapel.
- There will be no toilet facilities available.
- Churches must be sanitised after each celebration of Holy Mass.

