

# St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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## TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

**Sunday, 15.01.17**

9:30 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

**Feast of St Paul, the First Hermit**

Mass: Joseph Hamill RIP

Confessions

Mass: Glenys, Frank, Mable McShane RIP

**Monday, 16.01.17**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Hermits**

Mass: Intentions of Margaret Fenlon and Family

Rosary

**Tuesday, 17.01.17**

1:15 pm

**St Anthony, Abbot**

Mass or Eucharistic service at New Cross Hospital

**Wednesday, 18.01.17**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**Feria**

Mass: Kathleen Jones RIP

Rosary

**Thursday, 19.01.17**

NO MASS

**Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop**

**Friday, 20.01.17**

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

**Feria**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Thanksgiving Intentions from Deepu Austine

**Saturday, 21.01.17**

10:00 am

10:30 am

**St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**

Mass: Intentions of Pat and Michael Bentley

Confession

**Sunday, 22.01.17**

9:30 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass: Bob McGee

Confessions

Mass: Mariamma Chacko RIP

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



**YOUR OFFERINGS: 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY £475.48 (GIFT-AID £144.50)**

**CRIB OFFERING** towards **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** raised **£138.18**

**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

**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 JANUARY (part 3):** Annie Kelly, Daniel Buckley, Neil Gibbons, Margaret Grew, Edna McGovern, Brian Herbert, Harold Hawley, Jose Ramirez, Rita Walsh, Philip Cooper, Rosemary Williams, James O'Connor, William Chalker, Kevin D'arcy, Frederick Arthur Dutton, Barry Stokes, Breege French, Patrick Jennings, Margaret (Peggy) McIntyre, Mary Cairns, James Brennan, Eileen Brothwood.



**FEAST OF ST PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT** is celebrated on **15th January**. Saint Paul is the Patron of the Pauline Fathers, the Order to which Fr Dawid belongs. This holy man lived in the 2nd/3rd century in Upper Egypt. He was born into a wealthy and noble family. During the persecution of Christians, he fled into the Desert but found the surroundings so much to his taste that he decided to spend the rest of his life in the secluded wilderness. He spent nearly 100 years as a hermit in the desert, in prayer and contemplation of God. He lived in a cave, and every day a raven brought him a loaf of bread. Next to this grotto was a spring which supplied his needs. Before he died he was visited by another holy man, St. Antony the Abbot, founder of the eremitical life in Egypt. The two men prayed together: it was their last meeting. After his departure St. Paul died in the position of praying. St. Jerome tells us that lions came and dug his grave for burial. Paul's fame spread rapidly throughout the region, and he is regarded as the very first saint to take up the life of a hermit. His icons show a raven with a loaf of bread, two lions and a palm tree: these are all shown on the arms of the Pauline Order.



**LITURGICAL MEETING** is tomorrow, Monday 16th January at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**ORDINARY TIME** Ordinary Time (or *Tempus per annum* in Latin), meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest season of the Liturgical Year. In vestments usually green, the colour of hope and growth, the Church counts the thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time, inviting all the faithful to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ – his life, miracles and teachings – in the light of his Resurrection. On weekdays, in 2017, readings are taken from Year 1, and on Sundays we continue with readings from Cycle A.



### **ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - HEAD TEACHER VACANCY**

Our Primary School is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic to lead our successful school. **Apply by Tuesday 31 January 2017** - Required for: 1 September 2017 - Salary: Group 2 L15-21 £55,049/£63,779 To apply please call Diane Patel on 01902 203976 for an application pack or email: [diane.patel@services4schools.org.uk](mailto:diane.patel@services4schools.org.uk)



**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.



**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.