



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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1st WEEK OF ADVENT - 2nd December 2018 Year C

Saturday Vigil	01 Dec	5.00 pm	Seán Kiely; Margaret Whittingham; Tina, Jim, & Colm Carney; Jaydon James
Sunday	02 Dec	10.30 am (with Little Church)	Patrick Antony Teeling; Sarah Josephine Teeling; Gabriel Finbar Teeling; Elizabeth Smith; Karan Fletcher; William & Mary Grady; Jaydon James
Monday	03 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Tuesday	04 Dec	9.30 am	Elsie Tighe; Helen O'Sullivan
Wednesday	05 Dec	7.00 am	Mary Hurley
		9.15 am	Mass at Ss Peter & Paul School
Thursday	06 Dec	9.30 am	Sr Andrea Chin
Friday	07 Dec	9.30 am	Paddy Elliott
Saturday	08 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Confessions</i>
		10.00 am	Betty O'Sullivan & family
Saturday Vigil	08 Dec	5.00 pm	Mary Hurley; Patrick & Bridget Noonan; Anthony Kiely; P J McElligott; Sr Kathy Gardner, FMDM
Sunday (1 st Sunday of Advent)	09 Dec	10.30 am	Norma McElligott; Dee Spalding & family; Mary Hurley; Helen O'Sullivan; Joan Skidmore
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday 9.30 – 9.50am; 4.30 - 4.50pm			
Devotional Candles:			
<i>Sacred Heart:</i>	Rita Derbyshire	<i>Divine Mercy:</i>	Pat Garner
<i>Our Lady:</i>	Leslie Arthur White	<i>St Joseph:</i>	Special Intention (BK)
<i>St Anthony:</i>	Thanksgiving	<i>Our Lady:</i>	Pat Garner

Music Liturgy			
Entrance:	112	Communion:	662
Offertory:	600	Recessional:	92

Last week's Collections:	Not yet counted due to unforeseen circumstances
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Counting Team for next Sunday	E
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LOOP SYSTEM

Our Church has a loop system so if you use a hearing aid please set it to 'T' and turn the volume up.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into God's family:

Joseph Asher Kojo Adjapong
Christabelle Awurabena Asantewaa Adjapong
May He bless them and their family.

THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Anne de Sousa **Rosemary Doherty**
Eileen Connolly **Mary Robinson**
John Coyle **Nan Shiels**
Breda Somers **Maureen Noone**
James Moran **Noreen Hegarty**

May God grant them comfort and ease of pain.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our raffle tickets are on sale at **£1 each**. There are some great prizes to be won so, if you can, please take some tickets to sell to your friends and family. The proceeds will enable us to replace and update the signage at the front of the church. There is a list on the table of prizes that still need to be donated. **The raffle will be drawn after Mass next Sunday, 9th December.**

BIBLE SHARING GROUP

This coming **Tuesday, 4th December at 7pm** in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.

Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.

Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word.

Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.

Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.

Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.

We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

MINCE PIE AND SMALL GIFT SALE

This is something we have done for the past couple of years and proceeds go to our charities for the homeless over Christmas. If you have any **unused items** that you do not want, and which may be useful to other people, please bring them in for selling. You can start bringing in items any time you want, and we will hold them until our sale on **15th and 16th December**. Please give items in to the ladies selling the raffle tickets. On the same day as the small gift sale we will also be selling mince pies and all donations of pies will be gratefully received. Let us try and do all we can to support the homeless this Christmas.

PRAYING WITH ART DURING ADVENT

Next **Saturday, 8th December**, in the parish meeting room, between **10.30am and 12.30pm**, Fr Dries Van Den Akker, SJ, will lead a session for Advent based on praying with religious art. If you would like to attend please sign up with Margaret at the piety stall. Members of St Peter's Parish in Hillfields will be joining us. You may wish to bring a packed lunch for the end of the event. There is no charge but a small donation would help to cover expenses for the day.

CHRISTMAS HOMELESS APPEAL

This Weekend, the first of Advent, sees the launch of our Christmas appeal to help the homeless in Coventry. **The following items would be appreciated: tinned meat for sandwiches, tinned veg, tinned/packet soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce; biscuits, mince pies, tea bags, coffee, packs of treats – chocolate or others.**

We are so grateful to our parishioners for responding to our appeals throughout the year, especially for specific items. **If each parishioner brought in just one item**, it would make a big difference to our appeal this Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by the charities we support.

Please note that we are NOT asking for clothing except for ladies/mens' hats, gloves and scarves. Cash donations are always welcome and we sincerely thank those parishioners who donate throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Beginning this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, and throughout the few weeks of Advent, **parishioners are invited to sign one of twelve Christmas cards which will then be posted to parishes in the Holy Land**. The focus this year is on parishes in Palestine (West Bank and Gaza) which are home to the most marginalized. These cards are intended to be an act of solidarity with fellow-Christians, including some in Bethlehem, who will appreciate being remembered at this time of year. **The cards are on the blue table near the piety stall.**

CHRISTMAS TREE PRAYERS

Today we begin Advent and our preparation to welcome Jesus as a baby in our midst at Christmas. Our Christmas tree in the Memorial Garden is lit once again and **we are inviting you to place on the tree any prayer requests you have at this time**. There are small cards on the side table which you can take to write your request on and then hang them outside on the tree. Let us also take time to stop for a moment when we pass our tree and pray for all the requests and special intentions placed there by others. We will leave the requests in place until the Feast of the Epiphany – 6th January.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

During Advent and Christmastime please feel free to place any wreathes or flowers near the plaques of your loved ones in the garden. Even if you do not have a plaque you can place a wreath in memory of deceased family and friends in the garden. These will be left in place until the end of January.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT OPEN MORNING

As part of our continued programme to engage with our existing families and those within the local area, we warmly invite you to our *"Christmas Craft Open Morning"* on **Thursday, 13th December, from 9.00-11.00am**. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in some Christmas crafts with their child in the school hall, as well as listen to some Christmas carols sung by our school choir and there may even be an exciting visit from Father Christmas! We also welcome anyone looking for a school place for their child in September 2019 who is currently in a nursery setting. Please come along to our Open Morning, or alternatively please contact the School Office on 02476 615665 for an appointment to visit. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Every **Thursday from 6-8pm**, in the Parish Room behind the church. If you are struggling to come to terms with the loss of a loved one please come and see what is being offered and if it will be of help to you. The group is open to anybody – not just Catholics – so if you know somebody else who is bereaved, please let them know of this group and invite them to attend. See poster for further details.