

RIP: Please pray for those who have died recently especially: Bridie Farrell, Lillo Rahill, Joan Drake, Baby Ariyah O'Hagan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Let us pray for pray for our sick priests, parishioners, family and friends: Mary Lynch, Peggy Wilson, Ann Evans, Tina Mulligan, Mrs Staunton, Maura Stone, John Knight, Kevin McNamara, Eugene Gallagher, Brian McGonnigle, Abraham Doherty, Bob Jones, Myles Hastings, Pat O'Neill, Laurence Sullivan, Ann Lennie, Ryan Green, Anne O'Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Kelsie-Sky Cutting, Sheila Cutting, Betty Buggle, Shirley Woolston, Harrison O'Leary, George Lawlor, Alan Barry, Cathy Wanczycki, Nora Heavey, Pat Cahill, Marion Morris, Ann Bullock, Mary Graham, Jenny Forbes Smith, Eileen Jackson, Mary Maloney, Sylvia Barrow, Philomena Alonge, David Nesbitt, Tony Carey, Dan Harty, Paul Evans, Diane McGee, Paul DaPonte, Gerard McCann, Margaret Walker, Catherine & John Shorney, Cynthia Goddard, Michael Hill, Paul Wooding, Brian Hassett, Sheila Williamson, Sheila Lewis, Rebecca Power, Archie & Sean Kelly, Ruth Chandler, Eva Barratt, Grace Harrison, Mary Harty, Sharon Coleman, Margaret Ward, Kath O'Sullivan, Benjamin Willis, Jane O'Connell, George Durham, Mary Morris, Joanne McKinnon, Honora Walsh, Patrick Kenny, Sue Kenney, Valarie Craig, Diane Taylor, Gerard Lawless, Michelle Stokes, Frances Ford, Fr. Petroc Howell, Kay Holland, Dave Bennett, Brian Chandler and Sheila Brown.

WEEKLY DIARY

SUNDAY: Tea and Coffee after 10.30 Mass

SUNDAY: Evening Prayer and Benediction 6pm (**First Sunday of the month**)

MONDAY: Parish Youth Group 6.30pm - 8.30pm

TUESDAY: Craft & Chat 1.30pm - 3.30pm (**First Tuesday of the month**)

TUESDAY: Come and See Meeting – 7.45pm in Vianney House.

WEDNESDAY: Extend exercise group at 9.30am

WEDNESDAY: SJV Tots 1.00pm - 3.00pm

THURSDAY: Choir Rehearsal 7.00pm - 8.15pm Contact: gillcostello4@gmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th November Advent Wreaths after 10.30 Mass, Blessing of Crib in the Precinct at 4pm, 20th December Advent Penance Service 7pm, 18th June 2017 Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARISH FINANCE

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your offerings for 20th November 2016.

Loose Place: 232.38 Gift Aid: 204.50 Total: **£436.88** -

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE : Thank you very much for your support of the second collection last weekend which realised £192.63

THE GIVING MACHINE: A quick and simple way to support our parish if you undertake on-line shopping. See the information that you will be given at the end of Mass today.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2016

Liturgy this Week

Saturday 26th	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm		Catherine Greville (Clifford)
	Confession: 7.00pm		
Sunday 27th	Mass: 10.30am	4pm Blessing of Crib Coventry Precinct	June Dawson (Connolly)
ADVENT FERIA			
Monday 28th	Mass 9.00am		Susan Lake (Allen)
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Tuesday 29th	Mass 9.00am		Tony Ormsby (Teresa)
	FEAST OF ST ANDREW		
Wednesday 30th	Mass 7.00pm		Denis Dorrian
	FEAST OF ST EDMUND CAMPION		
Thursday 1st	Mass 9.00am		Intentions of Gemma Kiely
	ADVENT FERIA		
Friday 2nd	Mass 6.00pm	First Friday of the Month	Mary Kelly (Packie & Stash)
	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER		
Saturday 3rd	Mass 10.00am		Rose Williams (May)
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Saturday 3rd	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm		John Ward (Margaret & Family)
	Confession: 7.00pm		
Sunday 4th	Mass: 10.30am	6pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	Liam McGerrigan (Noonan)

FR. JONATHAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Mass this weekend especially those who are visiting our parish. Today we begin a new liturgical year with the great season of Advent. As we enter into these days, the Church reminds us that a quality of our Christian life is to be attentive, alert and waiting for Jesus to come again in glory.

THIS WEEKEND

ADVENT WREATHS: Our traditional family Advent Wreath activity takes place **after 10.30am Mass today.**

BLESSING OF THE CRIB: In Coventry Precinct today **Sunday 27th November at 4pm.** in the **Upper Precinct between M&S and what was BHS shops.** The priests of the deanery and children from our Catholic schools will be leading the prayers and the singing. Please do come and join in this fine witness of faith.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

COVENTRY CYRENIANS: Are seeking help with their preparations to support the homeless of our city over the Christmas period. They are asking for many different items. Please see the notice on the board.

MARY'S MEALS: Thank you for your kindness to our loose change collection box. Please don't forget the children of Malawi whom we support through this charity. In recent times crops have failed and food is very scarce. Our efforts keep these children alive.

SVP AWARENESS – HOW THE SVP SHOWS CARE: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words" (St Francis of Assisi). The SVP offers practical care by visiting people in need. This is how we put our faith in action. **If you wish to consider joining the parish SVP group, please speak to Pat Daly or another SVP member.**

SVP COLLECTION: There will be a collection for the work of the SVP in our parish on Sunday 11th December. Thank you for your kindness and support to this valuable work in our parish.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

PIETY STALL: We are now ready for Christmas with plenty of cards and other items of prayer and devotion. Get your cards whilst stocks last!!!

SJV TOTS: Families with tots in our parish are most welcome to come along to the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm - 3pm.

PARISH BAZAAR: Thank you to everybody who will have worked so hard for the Parish Bazaar this weekend.

COME AND SEE: Would you like to grow in understanding of your faith? Do you know somebody interested in Catholic faith? Come and See is for you. Our meeting is held on **Tuesday evening @ 7.45pm in Vianney House all welcome.**

CHURCH RENOVATION: Parishioners who attended the Parish Council AGM will be aware of the on-going plans for re-ordering the sanctuary of our church. In recent months work has been undertaken to finalise those plans and costings. It is hoped that

work can begin early in 2017. As you know from the plans shared over the last year, the proposed refurbishment includes a new altar and lectern, a permanent baptismal font near the entrance of the church and a remodelling of the sanctuary area. The altar and font have been claimed from St. Wilfrid's Church in Cotton that has been closed and are now stored here in the parish.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in the early evening to allow people coming home from work to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: An opportunity is available to travel to Lourdes as a parish group on the Diocesan Pilgrimage **27th May – 2nd June 2017.** The cost is £650.00 per person. Booking forms are available from the table in the narthex. It is very important that decisions and bookings are made quickly.

WALK WITH ME: Please take a copy of the Walk with Me booklets and the calendars for children to use as part of your prayer during the Season of Advent.

KEEPING ADVENT: Here are a few tips for making Advent a time of spiritual renewal. 1) Try and set aside some time for prayer each day including some moments of silence – the Walk with Me booklets may be helpful for your reflections. 2) Commit to coming to a Mass during the week if you can. 3) Prepare to go to confession before Christmas. Our Penitential Service is 20th December but opportunities for confession are available every weekend. 4) Continue to build on the Year of Mercy by striving to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION: Next Sunday at 6pm. Please join us for this short time of prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as part of our Advent devotions.

SERVICE OF LIGHT: On **Sunday 18th December at 5pm** we will hold a traditional Service of Light with hymns and readings to celebrate the Season of Advent. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS

THIS WEEK'S TIPS: 1) Tell somebody about the Season of Advent. 2) Invite a family member or friend to come to Mass with you in Advent. 3) Give a copy of the Walk with Me booklet to somebody who does not share our faith. 4) Did you hang up your rosary in the car?