

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December, 2016

Catholic Chaplain: Fr. Harry Curtis

This week and throughout the Christmas break there will **not** be Mass here on Thursday and Friday. You are welcome to come to St. Joseph's if you would like to speak to me, but it would be a good idea to phone first to make sure that I am in.

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(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Annie & Joseph McKelvie RIP Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Anastasia Whale RIP (Anniversary)
Monday, 19 th December	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Special Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 20 th December	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 21 st December <i>Commemoration of St. Peter Canisius, Priest</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Bishop Philip Pargeter (intentions) Special Intention
Thursday, 22 nd December	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Holy Souls Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 23 rd December <i>Commemoration of St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>	10.00 am	William & Nora Farrell
Saturday, 24 th December Christmas Eve	10.00 am 4.30 pm Crib Service & Carols 5.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 11.30 pm Carols and Readings 12.00 Midnight Mass	Elizabeth Smith RIP David Barnes (intentions) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 25 th December CHRISTMAS DAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO EVENING MASS TODAY	May, Jack, Sean McCrave, Pat Swain Intentions of the Ordinariate Anne Healey

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.30 am.

Welcome to our celebration of Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, especially if you are visiting for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Sacred Head of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us! Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us! St Thomas Aquinas, patron of students, pray for us! St Joseph of Cupertino, patron of those taking exams, pray for us!

Warning for your Christmas shopping/eating! In case you have missed it in other places, if you are staying on campus over the holidays please be aware that everywhere for shopping or getting a meal on campus (except for the Café Bar) will be closed from next Thursday evening until Tuesday, 3rd January. **The Chaplaincy will be open in the Vacation** to all students and staff with valid University ID cards from 9am to 9pm each day in the vacation (including bank holidays). Over the vacation we host 'The Student Lounge' in the Chaplaincy. There will be board games and other activities to use and the projector set up for you to be able to watch films together. The kitchen will be stocked with fresh milk for hot drinks and bread to make toast.



Commemorative Sanctuary Candles. For £5 you can buy a candle that will be blessed at the Christmas Midnight Mass and then will burn in the sanctuary or by the Sacred Heart, Our Lady or St. Joseph, for any week of your choice during the coming year. It can be for any reason you want: to remember a loved one; for a special intention; or why not give one as a Christmas present and have a card to go with it?

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Bible study will be suspended during the holiday period, but we shall resume in the new year.

Christmas Midnight Mass. If you would like to help with the traditional celebrations at St. Joseph's, either in the little service of readings and carols from 11.30 or at Mass, please let me know. **Similarly, if you will be here for the 12.30 Mass on Christmas Day and would be willing to help I should like to hear from you.**

Christmas Offerings. Traditionally the collection at the Christmas Mass is your personal offering to your priest. Thank you.

Confession for Christmas. Going to Confession is a good way to prepare to celebrate our Saviour's birth. There will be extra time at St. Joseph's next Saturday morning.

**Student Cross Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2017
Friday 8th April- Sunday 16th April:**

Seeing as it's Advent, why not plan ahead for Easter? If you feel like celebrating Easter in a unique and meaningful way. Join Student Cross! A pilgrimage organised by and for students and young adults, offering pilgrims the chance to experience Holy Week and the joy of the Resurrection as a living reality. Eleven different groups, known as Legs, walk from different parts of the country across Norfolk to Walsingham. The climax of the week is when all of the Legs meet up to celebrate the Easter liturgies together in Walsingham over the Easter weekend, including a vibrant Paschal Party after the Easter vigil on Saturday evening.

If you would like to find out more check out <http://www.studentcross.org.uk/> or contact Juliette Bone 07852793541 / j.bone@warwick.ac.uk

The Sacrament of Confirmation. I am hoping to arrange for Bishop Kenney to come to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here in the coming year. **If you haven't already been confirmed and would now like to be, please see me (you won't be alone).**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". The second part of Advent is marked by the "O Antiphons" which highlight a different title each day for the Messiah and invite Him into our hearts: **O Sapientia** (O Wisdom), **O Adonai** (O Lord), **O Radix Jesse** (O Root of Jesse), **O Clavis David** (O Key of David), **O Oriens** (O Rising Sun), **O Rex Gentium** (O King of the Nations), and **O Emmanuel**.

New Year's Day: Sunday, 1st January. The Chaplaincy are hosting a New Year's Day breakfast and walk. Come to the Chaplaincy from 10.30am and join us. Mass will still be at 12.30.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE
NO MASS AT 5.00pm ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Tuesday 5th to Thursday 14th September, 2017

To fly from Birmingham Airport, 6.50 am.
3 nights in Assisi (Hotel La Rocca) - full-board
3 nights in Rome (Hotel Lancelot) - half-board
3 nights at Palazzola - full-board
Returning back to Birmingham Airport at 1.10 pm.
Plans still have to be finalised, and that may affect the final cost, but at present it is: (inclusive of flight, transfers, accommodation, coach, entry, tips) approx. £1395. Please ask me for more info.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2017-18. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to eight Catholic graduates to work for 11 months from September 2017 to July 2018 in Parliamentary, Media and Communications, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will all live together, with 60 other students, in Newman House, the Catholic Chaplaincy for London universities, and financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. Further information is available at www.faithinpolitics.org.uk; this is also where you can submit your application.

Midnight Mass, St Chad's Cathedral. You may like to know that the BBC are broadcasting the Christmas Midnight Mass from our Cathedral in Birmingham.

Tailpiece. One year, a short time before Christmas, a wife said to her husband, "Darling! Last night I had a dream that you gave me a beautiful golden necklace for Christmas. What do you think it could mean?" Her husband just smiled and said, "Wait and see." A few days later she said, "Honey! I had that dream again last night that you gave me a golden necklace. What could it possibly mean?" Again her husband smiled and said, "Wait and see." Finally, Christmas Day arrived and the wife saw her Christmas present under the tree. Excited that for once her hints had paid off, she opened it only to find a book entitled: *"The Meanings Of Dreams"*.

If you were left scratching your head about the tailpiece last week, the answers are on the table. I especially liked "The Quadruped with the Vermillion Proboscis", which was of course, "Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer".

May God bless you and all those whom you love. If you are leaving this week, have a great Christmas and a Blessed New Year, and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Fr. Harry