



The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Mission

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RAISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us: that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun 23 rd	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.30am Morning Prayer 11.00am SOLEMN MASS & Angelus</p>	<i>Intentions of Michael Gleeson</i>
Mon 24 th	<p>Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (<i>Fr Harry</i>) 11.30pm Office of Readings (with carols)</p>	
Tues 25 th	<p>NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) (Holyday of Obligation) 12am MIDNIGHT MASS (<i>Fr Tim</i>) 9am Parish Mass (<i>Fr Harry</i>) 10.30am Morning Prayer 11am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Fr Paul</i>) 1.30pm Mass at University Hospital (<i>Fr Paul</i>)</p>	
Wed 26 th	ST. STEPHEN, First Martyr	
Thurs 27 th	ST. JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist	
Fri 28 th	HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	
Sat 29 th	ST. THOMAS BECKET, Martyr	
Sun 30 th	<p>THE HOLY FAMILY 10.30am Morning Prayer 11.00am SOLEMN MASS & Angelus 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight</p>	<i>Intentions of Michael Deegan</i>

See parish newsheet for
Mass times

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions. We exist to promote the unity of all Christians with the Apostolic See, and faithfully to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the rich treasures of our traditions. You are very welcome to the Coventry community of the ordinariate, and we hope you will join us again.

For your prayers this week...

The sick/housebound: June D, Bob D, Niall Q, Gabriel, Julie V, Nicholas F, James B, Norma U, Nadine R, Eleanor B, Brian M, Sheena H, Sue S, Emilia H, Fiona, Fiona F, Charlotte, Les T, Sophie, Ollie M, Jenny, Patrick T, Rod, Fred E, patients in hospital.
Home communicants: Evelyn, Brian, Les **Recently departed:** Laura Wilson, Mary Reynolds **Anniversaries of death:** Valerie Bateman (25th), Norman Crane (25th)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS SECOND COLLECTION Thank you for your generous giving to the retiring collection last week for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS DAY The Solemnity of Our Lord's Birth is of course a holyday of Obligation when we should all be at Mass. There may be a more convenient Mass for you and your family, but I hope that as many of us as possible will be able to gather on Christmas Day for our 11am Solemn Mass of the Day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS Our traditional Christmas Carol Service will be next Sunday 30th December at 6.30pm. Please extend a warm invitation to family and friends who may not otherwise be in church this Christmas.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD As well as being New Year's Day, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God with a Solemn Mass at 12noon.

SAFEGUARDING Our Safeguarding Representative is Sarah Ingram. The Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding Team is available on: **0121 230 6240** or by email at: cpo@rc-birmingham.org. The Safeguarding Team is available to provide advice and support whenever it is needed.

Mary's Dream

Joseph, I had a funny dream last night. I don't really understand it; but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house inside and out, bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. All kinds of lights and goodies all around. Then on the top of the tree there was a figure. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, and not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't even know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been a complete stranger. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus - not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad, though, it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real. *Author Unknown*

