



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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2nd WEEK OF ADVENT - 9th December 2018 Year C

Saturday Vigil	08 Dec	5.00 pm	Mary Hurley; Patrick & Bridget Noonan; Anthony Kiely; P J McElligott; Sr Kathy Gardner, FMDM; Stella
Sunday	09 Dec	10.30 am (with Little Church)	Norma McElligott; Dee Spalding & family; Mary Hurley; Helen O'Sullivan; Joan Skidmore; Eugene Jordan
Monday	10 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Tuesday	11 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Wednesday	12 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Thursday	13 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Friday	14 Dec	9.45 am	Funeral Service: Michael Marlow
Saturday	15 Dec	9.30 am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Saturday Vigil	15 Dec	5.00 pm	Emily Mahoney; Elsie Daly; Martin McNeeley; Mary Hurley; Elsie Tighe; Paddy Elliott; Betty O'Sullivan & family
Sunday	16 Dec	10.30 am	Monica Humphries; Helen O'Sullivan; Sr Andrea Chin; Joven & Grace Barachina; Elizabeth O'Brien; Gerard Wells; George Elliott
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday: 4.30 - 4.50pm			
Devotional Candles:			
<i>Sacred Heart:</i>	Paddie	<i>Divine Mercy:</i>	Fr George <i>Our Lady:</i> Eileen Connolly & family
<i>St Anthony:</i>	Stella	<i>St Joseph:</i>	Special Intention (BK) <i>Our Lady:</i> Dudley Graham Jones
<i>St Anthony:</i>	Niamh		

No Music Liturgy this week

Last 2 weeks' Collections:

1 st collections:	£799.02
2 nd Collections (Catholic Youth Service):	£165.51
CAFOD Box:	£14.98

Counting Team for next Sunday **D**

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, especially **Michael Marlow**, whose funeral is on Friday at 9.45am. Pray also for 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.

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.

BAPTISMS:

We welcome the following children into God's family: **Ellie-Mai Proud** and **Lola-Rose Proud**. May He bless them and their family.

JOINT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This year's Joint Penitential Service for Christmas will be held on **Wednesday, 19th December at Sacred Heart Church**, Harefield Road, starting at 7pm. Several priests will be in attendance.

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 next weekend: **15th and 16th December**. 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.

CHRISTMAS HOMELESS APPEAL

The following items are welcome to support the Christmas appeal: **tinned meat, suitable for sandwiches, tinned veg, spaghetti; baked beans, tinned/packet soup, pasta, pasta sauce; rice, biscuits, mince pies, tea bags, coffee, packs of treats - chocolate or other, and men's toiletries for the Coventry Night Shelter**. 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:

Carriers of Hope (migrant families)

Coventry Cyrenians

Anesis Soup Kitchen

God's Coffee Shop

Grub n Gab

Coventry Winter Night Shelter

Please note that we are NOT asking for clothing except for ladies/men's hats, gloves and scarves. Cash donations are always welcome and we sincerely thank those parishioners who donate throughout the year. There is also a box in the front porch for your food donations. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS TREE PRAYERS

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

At SS Peter & Paul School. 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

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.**

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.