



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15th DECEMBER 2019 Year A

Saturday Vigil	14 Dec	5.00pm	Tony Smith (RIP); Ray Todd (RIP); Emily Mahoney (RIP); Patrick & Bridget Noonan (RIP); Seamus Corry (RIP); Frank Cooke (RIP)
Sunday (with little church)	15 Dec	10.30am	Rhoda Cooper (RIP); Francis Cooke (RIP); Salome Reyes; Martha Foster (RIP); George Campbell; Ann Smith
Monday	16 Dec	10.00am	Funeral Service for Darren Lee Jones
Tuesday	17 Dec	9.30am	Noreen Hegarty & Family; Margaret Eccles; Bindu, Nive & Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	18 Dec	9.30am	Frank Cooke (RIP); Margaret Worsley
Thursday	19 Dec	9.30am	Billy Hoare (RIP); Elizabeth Bath; George Campbell
		11.00am	Mass at SS Peter & Paul School (End of term)
Friday	20 Dec	9.30am	Frank Cooke (RIP)
Saturday	21 Dec	9.30am	<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>
		10.00am	Lena Gould (RIP)
Saturday Vigil	21 Dec	5.00pm	Anthony Kiely; David & William Mahoney (RIP); Lena Gould (RIP); Frank Cooke (RIP); Ray Todd (RIP); Bride Guilfoyle
Sunday	22 Dec	10.30am	Francis Cooke (RIP); Jack Donoghue; Margaret Eccles; George Campbell; Bindu, Nive & Souls in Purgatory
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday 9.30 – 9.50am and 4.30 – 4.50pm			
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart: Mullan Family		Our Lady: Thanksgiving	
Divine Mercy: Special Intention (PE)		St Joseph: Special Intention (BK)	
St Anthony: Kieron Quirke, Bridget; Reid Family; Baby T			

Music Liturgy			
Entrance:	87	Communion:	761
Offertory:	971	Recessional:	969

COLLECTIONS 08/12/19	
1st collection:	£476.67
2nd collection: (Poor Parishes Fund)	£133.33
CAFOD Box:	£12.05

Next week's counting team:	D
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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.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be no prayer group this month.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We remember especially **Darren Lee Jones** whose funeral service is on Monday at 10.00am. 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:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Nan Shiels
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	Annie Neville

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain.

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.

CHRISTMAS HOMELESS APPEAL

Our Christmas appeal is under way. **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, ladies/men's hats, gloves and scarves.** 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. **St Osburg church** and **All Souls**, house the homeless of our city for one night per week. They require the following items: **coffee, drinking chocolate, fruit juice (long-life), squash, biscuits, sugar, chocolates/sweets, Pot Noodles, Cup-a-soup, snacks and individual drinks for packed lunches, toothbrushes, individual packs of tissues, men's deodorant/body spray, men's new boxers, men's new socks, men's thermal underwear (long johns), men's hats and gloves, men's boots/strong footwear, men's coats/jackets.** Cash donations are always welcome and we sincerely thank those parishioners who donate throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to all those who won prizes in our raffle last week. The list of winners is on the notice board. Thanks to all who helped to make it such a success. We raised £940 for the church.

PEN AND TORCH SETS

This is the last week to get your pen and torch sets, available for purchase for just £4.00 per set. They make a wonderful gift and are already presented in a beautiful box. The torch in particular comes in handy in the winter time and can be attached to your keyring. Please put your money in the box provided on the table. The sets will be removed after this weekend.

GUIDED RETREAT

In **January 2020**, there is a local opportunity for spiritual refreshment by making a Retreat in Daily Life. Details of this guided retreat are available on leaflets near the church entrances. The closing date for applications is **20th December 2019**. Please contact Lois Baldwin: 07976688595 for any queries.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Please join us for our Advent Carol service on **Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm**, please arrive to **be seated by 6.45pm**. This is a beautiful evening to celebrate the season of Advent. All are welcome.

REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

The theme of the third week is '**Rejoice the Lord is near**'. As Pope Benedict says "God is close, he is with me, he is in us, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as a friend and faithful spouse."

SCHOOL LEADERS 1 DAY COURSE

The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one-day course on **Saturday 11th January 2020** at **Don Bosco House in Coleshill** for aspiring and existing school leaders presently working outside the faith sector, who are interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School. Please contact Charlotte Kirby c.kirby@bdes.org.uk to book a place.

JOINT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a joint penitential service, this **Monday 16th December** at Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road **at 7pm**. Several priests will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

We will soon be compiling our annual report for 2019. If you remember any event or have any photographs that you would like to be included in the report, please email them with a date and description of the event to stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk. You can also let Sr Frances know verbally if you do not have access to email. Thank you.

MESSAGE ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREE

You will see that we have our beautiful new Christmas Tree on the Sanctuary. This was a gift to us from some kind donors. If you have a prayer request you would like to put on the tree, please pick up a card from the table at the side, write your intention and then attach it to the tree by one of the pegs on the tree.

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The Archdiocese of Birmingham have two job vacancies for a Safeguarding Advisor and Strengthening Cluster Communities Officer. For more information, please see notice board.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th December 7pm:	Penance Service at Sacred Heart
24th December 5pm:	Children's Christmas Eve Mass
25th December 10.30am:	Christmas Day Mass