



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2019 Year A

Saturday Vigil	21 Dec	5.00pm	Anthony Kiely; David & William Mahoney (RIP); Lena Gould (RIP); Frank Cooke (RIP); Ray Todd (RIP); Bride Guilfoyle
Sunday (with little church)	22 Dec	10.30am	Francis Cooke (RIP); Jack Donoghue; Margaret Eccles; George Campbell; Bindu, Nive & Souls in Purgatory; Holy Souls
Monday	23 Dec	9.30am	Frank Cooke (RIP); Margaret Worsley; Maureen & Noel Friel
Tuesday (Christmas Eve)	24 Dec	9.30am	Ann Sheehy; Ellen Howell
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Alexis Buckley (RIP); Frank Cooke (RIP); Peter Carrigan (RIP); Nellie & Patrick Felton; Kevin, Ryan & Lloyd Merrick; Tommy, Bernadette, James, Campbell (RIP)
Wednesday (Christmas Day)	25 Dec	<b>10.30am</b>	John O'Donnell; Ray Todd (RIP); Mary & Pat Forde; Gretta McGovern; Sally & Arnie Lemke; Philip Doherty; Eileen Summers; Sr. Sabina Staff; The Homeless
Thursday (St Stephen's Day)	26 Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Kathleen Woods; Mary Renolds; The Doherty family; Rosemary; Catherine & John Hegarty (RIP);
Friday	27 Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Pat McLoughlin (RIP); Elizabeth & Edmond McElligott (RIP); Doreen; Bindu, Nive & Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	28 Dec	9.30am	<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>
Saturday Vigil	28 Dec	10.00am	Margaret Worsley
Saturday Vigil	28 Dec	5.00pm	Rosemary Doherty; Frank Cooke (RIP); Ray Todd (RIP); The Coyle family, Elizabeth & Paddy Horan (RIP); Lyn; Kate & Thomas McElligott (RIP);
Sunday	29 Dec	10.30am	Alice & John; Sean & Nuala Kilroy; Anna Galligan; Margaret Smith; Bindu, Nive & Souls in Purgatory

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):</b> Saturday 9.30 – 9.50am and 4.30 – 4.50pm	
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>	
<b>Sacred Heart:</b> Rita Hardington	<b>Our Lady:</b> Claire Ensor; E. Reyes
<b>Divine Mercy:</b> Michael Greenway	<b>St Joseph:</b> Paul Ensor
<b>St Anthony:</b> Special Intention (BK); Kieran Quirke	

Music Liturgy			
Entrance:	112	Communion:	627
Offertory:	113	Recessional:	103

COLLECTIONS 15/12/19	
1st collection:	£516.04
2nd collection: (Poor Parishes Fund)	£141.14
CAFOD Box:	£6.27

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL/CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION**  
 There will be one collection on **24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> December-** Our Christmas gift to our priests.

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND**  
 The CTF tin was emptied this week. The total amount raised was £225.50. Thank you for your generosity. A new tin will be available in the New Year. If anyone feels they can donate to CTF on a regular monthly basis, please see Margaret Worsley.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
 Those who have died recently, 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:

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

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



#### MESSAGE FROM MARGARET WORSLEY

A huge thank you to everyone for your many congratulations, cards and gifts, on my being awarded the Bene Merenti medal while also celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I feel so blessed and humbled. God bless you all.

#### RED BOXES

Missio Christmas calendars can be found on the tables at the front & side entrances to the church. All boxes have now been counted & can be collected from the Sacristy. Thank you all for your continued support.

#### REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

The theme of the fourth week is 'Come Lord Jesus'. When we sing in the Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem, we invite Christ to be "born in us today". In other words, we open our minds and hearts to a deeper and deeper understanding of the message of the Gospel. In this sense, then, we are born again as, Pope Francis reminds us, to be missionary disciples.



## Message from Fr. George

Bishop William Kenney in his letter to the clergy this Christmas spoke about the political and social uncertainty we are all facing in our world at this time. Above all this turmoil the birth of Christ stands as a sentinel of hope to us all

For me the past year has brought many personal challenges to be addressed because of the stroke I suffered a year ago. In spite of my continuing difficulties the parish has thrived and is as alive as it has ever been. This is due to everybody working together and for this I am really grateful. There have been so many exciting initiatives and I look forward to our annual report coming out next month so we can all rejoice in what we have achieved.

In particular, our outreach to those in need has been outstanding. One of the ladies on the Social Outreach Team wrote to me this week about our Christmas appeal, "The response has been astounding, what with the success of the gift sale as well, it has been the best year ever". This is the truest sign of our Christian witness, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people you do to me". (Matthew 25)

So thanks to all of you and a very happy Christmas.

Fr. George



**St Augustine says:** "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."