

Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 3

Sat 14th 6:00pm Mary Jackson RIP

Sun 15th 9:15am Chacko Korah RIP - Zacharias Family Thanksgiving

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 15th 11:00am Cath Roberts RIP - F.T. Melqueer RIP

**Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:10am led by parishioners**

Mon 16th 9:30am Thanking God for His Goodness - Ellen Delaney RIP

16th 7:00pm Penitential Service

Tue 17th 10:00am Requiem of Patrick Corcoran

Wed 18th 9:30am Kornelia Gasiorek (1st ann) - Sr Ritha Joseph RIP

Thu 19th 9:30am Kevin & Geraldine Flynn RIP - John Barrass RIP

Fri 20th 9:30am Stony Mathias RIP - Catherine Roberts RIP

20th 11:15am Funeral of Bridget Hogan

Sat 21st 9:30am Pro Populo

**Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:**

\* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

*For the sick:*

Theresa Devaney, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmore, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Illeana Goodman, Jane Kalnins, Mufaro Kwambana, Jim Jarvis & Mick Diskin.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

*For the recently departed:* Isabelle McVey (7th Jan) Guisepppe Di Marco (7th Jan) & Toilly Ine (10th Jan 2025)

*Anniversaries week beginning 15th December 2024:*

Dennis Packer, Katherine Wieszak, Paul Canvin, Roland Wood, Joan Collins, Herbert Kneen, Maurice Pitcher, Kornelia Gasiorek, David McCormack, Mary Blacklaw, Florence Webb, Christopher Joyce & Elizabeth Smale.

*Clergy Anniversaries:*

Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev John Dewis, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara Rev Edmund Motherway.

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15th December 2024

### WE MUST MANIFEST CHRIST AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

We are half way through Advent, today is *Gaudete* (Rejoice) *Sunday*. For the people of the Northern Hemisphere, there seems to be nothing much to rejoice about; the beautiful sun is far from us, the ground is wet and soggy, the trees are bare with no leaves or fruits, farm animals are kept indoors, there seems to be nothing left to cheer our hearts! It is within this lifeless and miserable world, that the word of God calls upon us to wake up, to rejoice, to cheer, to shout out with joy *because the Lord is redeeming his people..* This is the Good news.

The past week has been full of activity centred on Christ. The little children of Key Stage One from Our Lady and St. Joseph Primary School, performed a beautiful Christmas play on Monday. I admired the imagination of children of how the first Christmas might have looked like. I came to realise that to understand the real meaning of Christmas, we ought to approach it with a humility of heart.

On Thursday the students from St. Thomas More led us into a youthful Advent which was more thought through. Every move was calculated, appearance mattered, clarity was important. It brought within me a feeling of how we must be mindful of our clarity in what we believe and be able to articulate it.

This Sunday 22nd, the senior choir of our parish, will lead us into a Carol service which, as I imagine, will be more traditional in its approach; no innovation no deviation from the tune, *'this is how it has always been done'*! While there was less personal creativity with Key Stage One pupils, there was a lot of creative imagination with the Secondary school students. With the senior parish choir, I can guess that there will be an unshakable desire to be faithful to the traditions of Christmas celebration.

I really wish each one a blessed Christmas; for us, it is not an event but a person Jesus Christ himself that is celebrated this season. Christmas is not for children, it is not for the youth and it should not be left to the seniors in age, it is for everyone. Make it a personal celebration of your Saviour's birth.

His Grace the Archbishop encourages Christians from across the archdiocese to appreciate the dedicated service their priests give. Whichever parish you intend to go for Mass at Christmas, please pray for your priest. Be mindful to involve them in the joy and cheer that Christmas brings.

*Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ* Parish Priest .



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Contact the parish office for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism.  
Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

The Parish Team:

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Presentation Sisters : Sr Therese, Sr Jacinta & Sr Helen 024 76350615  
Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807  
St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion [sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk).

#### FINANCE: Second Collection:

Parish Finances week beginning 8/12/24

COLLECTION: £824.10 of which Gift Aid £350.50

FABRIC FUND: £270.30 of which Gift Aid: £270.30

DEC Tap & Go: £369.00 of which Gift Aid: £253.00

DECEMBER STANDING ORDER: £1578.67

Poor Parishes Fund: £224.50

Sunday 7/8 December Mass attendance 584

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*Many  
Thanks!*



**Gift Aid it!** - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon -	Meditation Resumes 2025
Mon - Dec 16th	4:30-5:30pm Holy Communion class
Tue - Dec 17th	Seniors after Mass
Wed - Dec 18th	Coffee morning after Mass
Fri - Dec 20th	4-5pm Confirmation class

#### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:.

##### Christmas Program

1. **Dec. 24th Vigil Mass at 6:00pm and Midnight Mass.**
2. **Christmas Day Mass : 08:15am and at 10:15am.**
3. **End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00pm or 23hrs GMT.**
4. **New Year 2025 Mass at 10:00am.**

**Advent Penitential Service** will be held on Monday 16th December starting at 7:00pm in preparation for Christmas. Please make use of that opportunity because after that there will be no more chance for Confessions, the parish priest will be away visiting the housebound and helping other parishes with their penitential services.

**Christmas Flowers** You are invited to buy a flower/flowers in memory of a loved one/ones for Christmas - £3 per flower. Please enclose your donation along with name/names in an envelope, marked **Christmas Flowers**, and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Any donations towards Christmas flowers are very welcome. Thank you.

**Sunday 22nd December: OLA Parish Choir at 6:00pm** in the Church followed by mulled wine, tea & coffee and mince pies served in the parish hall. Please come and support these groups, it will be a good way to start the real meaning of Christmas. All these services will take place in Church.

**Christmas gifts for your parish priest.** The Archbishop has graciously decreed that the donations given by the people of God on Christmas and Easter are given to their priest as a sign of their appreciation for the work he does among them. It is also a way of helping the priest to find something decent for himself during the festive season. There will be only one collection during Christmas Masses You can use the Give by Contact machines at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

**A big Thank You** to all who helped clean the church ready for Christmas last week. It was really appreciated for the time and energy you spent. May God bless you for that.

**Don't switch them off,** heat blowers are meant to blow out heat during this cold weather, if you sit near one and you feel you're being burned, please move to another pew BUT do not switch them off because doing so serves no purpose to keep the boilers running moreover the church remains cold! Thank you for your cooperation.

**Two priests appointed to the English Mission** this is in response to your personal commitment to the faith. I ask you to imagine what kind of world it would be if Christ was not proclaimed! We are lucky that our superior has considered our mission among his deployment of missionaries this year. Please consider supporting the training of a missionary seminarian either as an individual, or in partnership with others. In this way you become a missionary without leaving your home. You can set up a standing order with your bank for this cause, or it can be a one-off donation for Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, HSBC Bank Sort Code 40-1857 Account 90730106 Charity Reg. 1205905. Whatever you choose to do, will be greatly appreciated. For more details please talk to Fr. Jimmy at 07906124756.