



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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15th December 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent 2024

Saturday	14th Dec	5.00pm	Nathan Keaveney; Catherine & John Hegarty (R.I.P); Elizabeth & Paddy Horan (R.I.P)
Sunday	15th Dec	10.30am	Rhoda Cooper (R.I.P); Kate & Thomas McElligott (R.I.P); Elizabeth & Ned McElligott (R.I.P)
Tuesday	17th Dec	1.00pm	Funeral Mass for William Burke
Wednesday	18th Dec	No Mass	
Thursday	19th Dec	9.30am	St Patrick's Whole school Mass
Friday	20th Dec	9.45am	Wiseman Mass Mary Challis (R.I.P); Mary, Norma & Noreen McElligott (R.I.P)
Saturday	21st Dec	5.00pm	Jim Dodds & O'Harrison; Margaret Reeves; Tom, Christy, Bill & P.J McElligott (R.I.P); Betty & Elizabeth O'Sullivan (R.I.P)
Sunday	22nd Dec	10.30am	Eileen & Bill Kelly (R.I.P); Ted Moulton & Leo Dolan (R.I.P)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 4.00pm to 4.30pm or by appointment			
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart:		Our Lady:	
St Joseph: Special Intention (BK)		St Anthony: Special Intention (BK)	

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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| Rosemary Doherty | Noreen Hegarty |
| Annie Neville | Degaud Sahoure Gui |
| Veronica Griffin | Nathan Keaveney |
| Cath O'Donnell | Chris Vaughan |
| Pat Sugrue | |

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

SUNDAY READINGS

- 1st READING:** Zephaniah 3:14-18
2nd READING: Philippians 4:4-7
GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We especially remember **William Burke** whose funeral takes place this week. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE HOMLESS AND THE NEEDY

We know that we are living on a tight budget now, but if you could manage to put an extra packet or tin of food in your shopping basket, it would be really appreciated by many. Please place any donations of food on the table at the back of church. Thank you.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION

Please take a copy of the newsletter. This month's edition contains 12 things you can do during this climate conscious Christmas.

The newsletter is now available on the Deanery Website: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk
 St Patrick's Parish, Coventry, is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No: 234216A

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are Alice O'Callaghan & Julie Feeney. They can be contacted at: sg.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Raffle Sunday 15th December

Intercessory Prayer Group Every
Wednesday 7pm at the church

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th **Children's Christmas
Eve Mass 5.00pm**

Wednesday 25th **Christmas Day Mass
10.30am**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our offerings at Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for the support of our priest. Envelopes for your offerings are available at both doors.

LITTLE CHURCH

Our Little Church will meet this Sunday and then close for the Christmas Holidays. A big thanks to those who teach our children week after week making the Gospel understandable for them. It is a very special ministry in the church and we are really grateful for your commitment.

RAFFLE



- Our raffle will be drawn after Mass this Sunday. Take time to look at our beautiful prizes and make sure you have your tickets.

POINSETTIAS FOR AROUND THE ALTAR

Many of us like to put flowers in the Memorial Garden at Christmas in memory of our loved ones. There has been a suggestion that maybe this year we would consider donating a poinsettia to the church instead and this will be placed around the sanctuary in memory of those we have lost. The poinsettias will be there for all Masses over the Christmas Season.

ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and Blessed be the Hour and the Moment
in which the Son of God was born of the
Most Pure Virgin Mary,
at Midnight in Bethlehem
in piercing cold!
In that hour,
vouchsafe O My God, to hear my prayers
and grant my petitions through the merits of
Our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and of His Most Holy Mother.
Amen

YEAR OF JUBILEE

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The Pope



describes this year as, 'an opportunity to be renewed in hope' because it is a time for forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

The theme of the Jubilee Year (which begins this Christmas eve with the opening of the holy door at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and ends on the Feast of the Epiphany 2026) is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and every Catholic is invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

You can discover more about the coming Jubilee Year by reading and reflecting upon the 'Pilgrims of Hope' Guidebook which will be available at this weekend's masses. You might also like to attend a session about the meaning and significance of the Jubilee Year. This session will take place in our parish meeting room immediately after mass (11.30am to 12.30pm) on Sunday 12th January 2025.

SCHOOL DONATIONS REQUIRED

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at St. Patrick's School is seeking donations for their outdoor water area. They are in need of items such as hosepipes, pots, pans, buckets, and wooden spoons. If you're able to contribute any of these, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you for your generosity!