



### MARRIAGE MATTERS

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent** ( Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1:18-25)

Taking courage from love

The Gospel relates how Joseph overcame his serious doubts about Mary - and married her! She too had faced her own fears about the future - and said "Yes! We too can have doubts and lack of confidence in the future, but like Mary and Joseph we can take courage from our love for each other and God's love for us too.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre

Two Function Rooms available for: Weddings, Christenings, Birthday Parties (inc 21st) Charity Dances, Presentation & Fund-raising Evenings. Contact Caroline Furey on 443 2199 (evenings Wednesday to Sunday-answering machine other times) mobile 07718855439

### Christmas & New Year Opening Times



**Christmas Eve: 7.00pm - 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day: 12 noon - 3.00pm**

**Boxing Day: open 7.00pm**

**Music: Billy Martin - entry £6**

**Friday 27th Dec: open 7.00pm**

**New Year's Eve: 7.00pm - til late**

**Music: Pat & Caroline McGrath with support act Andy Green tickets avl £8**

**New Year's Day: Closed**

### Walk With Me Prayer

Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
we praise you for your gifts of life and  
faith.

We thank you for the desire  
they you have planted in our hearts,  
our yearning to see your face.  
Help us to meet you in prayer,  
to walk in your ways,  
and to speak to others of our joy

and consolation in your presence.  
Give us faithfulness in this present life  
so that we may come to know  
and praise your beauty,  
will all our brothers and sisters,  
in the life to come.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*



This church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in the church for more details.



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Sisters of the Immaculate Heart: Sr Tonia, Sr Clarissa, Sr Sebastian

Parish Safeguarding Officers: Marie Sullivan - 0121 430 3955 Lorraine Freeman - 0121 436 7758

## Fourth Sunday of Advent - 22nd December 2019

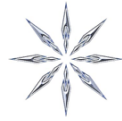
Sat 21st Dec	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Elsie, Patrick, Catherine Kelly & deceased of family Lloyd & Flanagan families Special Intention
Sun 22nd Dec	9.00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Hughie O'Neill RIP Breda, Joe & Joseph McTiernan RIP
	11.00am		Pat Ralph RIP                  John O'Neill RIP Peter O'Donnell RIP        John & Bridie McGill RIP Peter & Christopher Galligan (Anniv) Caroline Power (Anniv)
Mon 23rd Dec	9.00am		Paddy Moffitt RIP
Tue 24th Dec	9.00am		People of the Parish
	6.00pm		People of the Parish, Joe & Carmel Langan RIP
	8.00pm		Catherine Kenny Fr Joe Taaffe Canon Peter Mckenna Peter Finlan (Anniv)
Wed 25th Dec	9.00am	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Michael McAvinney, Ellen & Michael O'Connor RIP Bridget & William Kearns RIP Bob Mousley (Anniv)
	11.00am		Burton, Bennett & Rath families RIP Mary McCarron RIP Helen Wallace RIP John Duffy (Anniv) Packy & Mary Duffy RIP Tom O'Donnell (Anniv)
Thu 26th Dec	10.00am	Feast of St Stephen, 1st Martyr	Mary Watt RIP
Fri 27th Dec	10.00am	Feast of St John, Apostle	Chris Wallace Intentions (Birthday)
	1.00pm		Nuptial Mass
Sat 28th Dec	10.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	George McDonnell & deceased of the family Bridget & Bertie O'Beirne & deceased of the family Peter Reilly (1st Anniv) Sr Mary Roache & dec'd of Roache & Tunney family
Sun 29th Dec	9.00am	Feast of the Holy family	People of the Parish
	11.00am		Pat (Paddy) Nolan (Months Mind) Patrick Duffy (Anniv) Dennis Boyle

**4th Sunday of Advent:**

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**Response to Psalm:**Let the Lord enter!  
He is the king of glory.**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.  
Alleluia!

Fr Sean, Deacon Tim &amp; the Parish Sisters

wish you all a Holy, Joyous and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

**Advent Carol Service** This evening (Sunday) 6.00pm in the church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.**Times of Christmas Masses****Christmas Eve 6.00pm Family Mass 8.00pm****Christmas Day 9.00am & 11.00am****Confessions Christmas Eve morning**

10.30am - 11.30am.

**Please note** Ministers of the Eucharist will not be going out on Christmas Day.**Collection at all Christmas Masses** will be your Christmas gift to Fr Sean. Envelopes are available at the back of church.**Crib offerings** will go to The Father Hudson's Society and the support of Christian communities in the Holy Land.**Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family**

A Pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read at all Masses.

**Mass Thursday & Friday** will be at 10.00am**Practice for Christmas Eve family Mass**

This Sunday 22nd at 10.15am, for children who will be reading at 6.00pm family Mass.

**Church cleaning for Christmas** Anyone available to help clean the church on Monday 23rd please come along after the 9.00am Mass.**Archdiocese of Birmingham Directories**

now available in the piety shop price £3.

**Catholic Newspapers** this week are double edition prices are Universe £3.00

Catholic Times £3.00 Catholic Herald £6.00

**Christmas Cards for Parishioners** Boxes are available at the back of church for Christmas cards to be left for parishioners. Please ensure you check and pick up any cards for you.**No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions** on Saturday (28th)**Weekly Offerings** for last weekend were £1,021.00 of which £428.46 was gift aided.**Retiring Collection this weekend** will be towards the cost of the Walk With Me Books.**SVP Redditch Christmas Party for the homeless of Birmingham.** A donation of £1,000.00 has been given by the Parish to help the SVP with this charitable event.**Next Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend. Please note there will not be a meeting in January.**Next Quiz Night in aid of charity** will be on Friday 10th January at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome, please support.**New Year's Eve Dance** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre. Music by Pat & Caroline McGrath with support act Andy Green. Tickets available £8 each or £10 on the door.**Pray for the sick** - James Barry, Dyphna Beggan, Pat Berns, Daniel Breen, Eddie Byrne, Nellie Cassidy, Isabella Chester, Pat Clarke, Gary Collins, William Coniry, Josie Douglas, Mary (Ria) Finglas, Mary Fleming, Baby Chloe Glendall, Bryan Grogan, Dan Healy, Finbar Herron, Colette Hickey, Jean Hoban, Ray Holton, Jenny Keane, Marie Kelly, Brian Kirk, Josephine Kirk, Barbara Kopieczek, Norah Laffoley, Mary Mazurkiewicz, Mary McGoldrick, Ann Moffitt, Michael Noga, Siobhan O'Connell, Meg O'Dowd, Margaret O'Grady, Mary Pender, John Richards, Patrick Colm Smyth, Jim Spillane, Simon Spillane, Julie Swinscoe, Nadine Terry, John Wilson**Lately Dead:**Patrick Curran (Hollybank Road - Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium Monday 23rd December at 12.30pm.)  
Nancy Noga (Sandmere Road) Rev John Ellis, Rev John Dewis (retired priests of the Diocese)**Anniversaries:** 22nd Dec - 28th Dec: Angela Ravenhill, Bernard Lane Jnr, Phyllis Lord, Peter Sharpe, Patrick Spillane, James Ryan, Betty Hetzel, George Gray, Urszula Rembacz, Edward Macken, Nellie White, Maria Agnello, Olive Gorman, John Ryan, John Williams, Michael O'Neill, Patrick Flanagan, Nathan Scatlebury, Joe McHale, John Duffy, David Lawrence, Christopher Healy, Cecilia Smith, Margaret Treacy, Agnes Dooner, John Burns, Doreen Nolan, Peter Reilly

Children's Liturgy	This Weekend 22nd Dec	Next Weekend 29th Dec
11 am	M Healy, T Flaherty	M Leonard, H Leonard, C Leonard
Readers	This Weekend 22nd Dec	Next Weekend 29th Dec
6 pm	J Silvey	M Moran
9 am	C McCann, B Martin, E Bailey	A Carbery, E Treacy
11 am	S Harkin, D Thompson	P Stephens, R Wood
Music 9 am	K Anthony	I Sutton
Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend 22nd Dec	Next Weekend 29th Dec
6 pm	D Ryan, M Moran	P Freeman, L Freeman, J Ryan
9 am	A Oldacres, D Macaulay, T Oxley, J Oxley, T Kenna	A Treacy, E Keating, A Hunt, A Parker, A Oldacres, A Okonkwo
11 am	A Maxwell, R Flanagan	Sr Clarissa, S Timson, M Shalvey
Minibus Driver	P Carbery	M Cunningham
Counting Team	M Spellacy, P Spellacy	A Kelly, M Keane
	Friday: 27th Dec	Friday: 3rd Jan
Cleaning Team	Team 5: C Parsons, K Watt, P Oldacres, C Shipman, P Shears	Team 1: K Smith, M Milner, T Bradley, C Wallace P Stephens M Byrne C Chinn

**Parish Lottery Winners****Saturday 14th Week No: 2 Bonus Ball 56 Thunder Ball 6**£150 will be divided between: Josie Carney, Angela Reilly, Ava Hendley, Mary Catlow, Colette Tully (each receive £30) **There was no winner of the Thunder Ball. Amount to be won next week £200.****School Admissions** The certificate of Catholic practice which parents are asked to include with their application for admission of their child into Our Lady of Lourdes school in September 2020, can be collected after Mass on Sunday from the presbytery. This should be completed and then brought to Fr Sean for signature after Sunday Mass, to verify Catholic practice and Mass attendance. The form should be handed in at the school office before 15th January 2020.