



Advent begins the launch of the 'Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks'. This initiative will continue during the coming year as 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

**Marriage Matters** Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. Marriage Matters have produced a series of scriptural reflections for married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed during the Sundays of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed through the Sacrament of Marriage.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS**  
([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk))

**First Sunday of Advent** (Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44)

Walk in the light of the Lord

God's Word is clear - we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to-day lives. To live as couples in the 'present moment' more often, we need to apply ourselves to today's call from Jesus to "stay awake". Also St Paul tells us. "the time has come: you must wake up now", because now is all we have.

### Parish Lottery Winners

**Saturday 23rd Nov Week No: 52 Bonus Ball 31 Thunder Ball 8**

£150 will be divided between: Eileen Saunders, C Shipman, Nora McAuliffe, Maureen Taylor,

Peggy Reilly (each receive £30) **C Shipman was the winner of the Thunder Ball and wins £450 plus her share of the Bonus Ball. Amount to be won next week £50.**

### 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

**Club open from 7.00pm on Saturday's**  
(unless advertised afternoon games)

[follow us on our facebook page: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre](#)

*Pilates classes*  
*Tuesday evenings*  
*Pilates 6.15pm - 7.15pm*

**Wednesday: 7.30pm Bingo**  
**Thursday: 7.00pm**  
**Musical Instrument Classes**

**Live Music**  
**'Brendan O'Brian'**  
**Saturday 21st December**  
**entry £5**



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Parish Priest: Canon Séan Grady Permanent Deacon: Rev Mr Tim Anthony

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

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

## First Sunday of Advent - 1st December 2019



Masses this week

Sat 30th Nov	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Kathleen & James Keane (Anniv) Evelyn Cawton (Anniv)
Sun 1st Dec	9.00 am	First Sunday of Advent	Philip Gallagher & Maggie Maguire (Anniv) Sydney, Christina & Terry Best (Anniv)
	11.00am		Tony Carrabin RIP Peter Morris (L/D) Stephen Flaherty (L/D)
	3.00pm		Confirmation Mass
Mon 2nd Dec	9.00am		Tom Duffy
Tue 3rd Dec	9.00am	St Francis Xavier	Mary Pender Intentions
Wed 4th Dec	9.00am		Michael Costello RIP
Thu 5th Dec	11.00am	St Birinus	<b>Requiem: Winifred Keady</b>
Fri 6th Dec	9.00am		Daniel Gallagher (Anniv)
Sat 7th Dec	10.00am	St Ambrose	Garry Corrigan (Anniv)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Ffrench (Anniv) Margaret Maguire (1st Anniv)
Sun 8th Dec	9.00am	Second Sunday of Advent	Eddie Breslin (Anniv) Joe McKinney (Months Mind) Liam Collins RIP
	11.00am		Anne Wallace (Anniv) Paddy Coyne (Anniv) Martin Corrigan

**Requiem:** Winifred Keady on Thursday at 11.00am. Reception before Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Saturday 10.30am - 11.30am.

**Confessions** Saturday 10.45am - 11.30am and 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

**Weekly Offerings** for last weekend were £1,173.64 of which £543.54 was gift aided.

**Retiring Collection next weekend** will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.

**Retiring Collection last weekend** taken for Catholic Youth Services raised £289.60.

**Clergy Training Fund** monthly envelopes may be handed in this weekend.

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

**Heritage Group Outing to Bath Christmas Market** Wednesday 11th December 10.00am and leaving Bath at 6.00pm, more places are now available as a larger coach has been booked. £18 members £19 non members. Contact Tony Oldacres 777 8291.

**Job Vacancy Building & Grounds Site Manager** at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The post is 30 hours per week all year round, commencing January 2020. Closing date 3rd December 2019 for job description/application please visit school office or website

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/>

**1st Sunday of Advent:**  
Parish Mass Book p82 Preface p 65

**Response to Psalm:**  
I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
"Let us go to God's house."

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

We welcome Episcopal Vicar, Canon David Evans who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 3.00pm Mass today. Please pray for those being confirmed, their sponsors and families.



Anne Adebisi	Faustina	Ella-Louise Moss	Cecilia
Ella-Louise Bailey	Teresa	Kieran O'Donnell	Peter
Ella-Rose Bailey	Christina	Joseph Quinn	Finbarr
Casey-Leigh Bishop	Christina	Amy-Leigh Raughter	Clare
Alfie Brett	Paul	Connor Reilly	Anthony
Benjamin Brueton	Francis	Noah Round	Patrick
Amelia Busby	Cecilia	Aidan Smith	Benedict
Neave Carney	Teresa	Maddison Tronson	Grace
Helena Charlton	Maria	James Yates	Stephen
Keeley Harborne	Brigid	Daniel Ciok	James
Amy Jones	Peter	Darcie O'Reilly	Therese
Molly Kinzett	Cecilia	Paris O'Reilly	Sophia
Beatrice Martin	Josephine	Henry Tambie	Henry

**Congratulations** to all the above and also to Eduardo Lerna, James McConnell and Joseph McConnell who today receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent** Throughout the season of Advent, the church encourages us to give of ourselves a little, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we become spiritually alive, and focus on the things that really matter. Advent therefore affords us an opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth.

**Walk With Me booklets A Journey of Prayer for Advent** are available along with calendars for the children, please take a copy from the back of church.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting** This Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend.

**Sacrament of Baptism** We welcome into God's family **Sebastian Anthony Mucklow** and **Connie Rosetta Peach** who were Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes last weekend.

**Mass of Thanksgiving** our Confirmandi will join us at the 11.00am Mass next Sunday.

**Aid to the Church in Need** Deacon Tim will be speaking at all Masses next weekend on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need. There will be an opportunity to purchase prayer cards, books and religious artefacts. More information may be found on the website: <http://www.acnuk.org>.

**Quiz Night in aid of HCPT - Youth Group** this Friday 6th December at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome, please support.

**Piety Shop** Christmas stock now available, cards, candles, advent calendars, diaries, cribs etc.

**Christmas Fayre** Thank you to all who supported the Christmas fayre and all who helped in any way. See noticeboard for list of raffle winners.

**Congratulations to**

*Jamie Freeman & Bernadette Hughes*

who married at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday.



**Pray for the sick** - James Barry, Dyphna Beggan, Pat Berns, Lilian Bibby, 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, Margaret Kelly, Brian Kirk, Josephine Kirk, Barbara Kopieczek, Norah Laffoley, Mary Mazurkiewicz, Ann Moffitt, Michael Noga, Nancy 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:** Teresa Mason (Bartley Green - Funeral at Robin Hood on Wednesday 4th at 11.30am)  
Winifred Keady (Sandgate Road) John Reilly (Moseley) Peter O'Donnell (Huddersfield- formerly of Westridge Road)  
John Skros (Brother of Marie Sullivan)



**Anniversaries:** 1st Dec - 7th Dec: Augusta Wozywoda, Mary Tabone, Mary Kelly, Maisie Roche, Rosalin Mills, Bridget Kelly, Frederick Law, Margaret Mason, Wojciech Lubaszka, Alma Bocock, Mary Cook, Patricia Hughes, Edward Wilks, Philip Gallagher, Dermot O'Keeffe, Margaret Maguire, Barbara Parkes, Peter O'Flaherty, Michael Donohoe, Ellen Barker, Jack O'Neill, Thomas Rees, Pdraig O'Grady, Walter O'Hara, Ellen Lane

Children's Liturgy	This Weekend 1st Dec	Next Weekend 8th Dec
11 am	M Leonard, H Leonard, C Leonard	M Healy, T Flaherty
Readers	This Weekend 1st Dec	Next Weekend 8th Dec
6 pm	L Mockler	A Smith, Parish Sisters
9 am	A Carbery, C Martin	M Preece
11 am	F Evans	M Okonkwo, Parish Sisters
Music 9 am	K Anthony	I Sutton
Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend 1st Dec	Next Weekend 8th Dec
6 pm	M Moran, D Ryan	P Freeman, L Freeman
9 am	S Timson, P Stephens, M Shalvey, M Wilson, D Macaulay	L Mockler, A Maxwell, T Kenna, T Oxley, J Oxley
11 am	R Flanagan, Sr Tonia	Y Brennan, E Keating
Minibus Driver	M Cunningham	M McGrath
Counting Team	M Preece, C Donnan	T Hickey, B Power
	Saturday: 7th Dec	Friday: 13th Dec
Cleaning Team	Team 2: P McDonald, C McDonald, S McGrath, C Hayden, A Treacy	Team 3: C Mullen, C Moore

**Dates for Diary**

**Advent Penitential Service - 7.30pm** Our Lady of Lourdes - Thursday 19th December.  
St Dunstan's, Kings Heath - Tuesday 17th December.

**Advent Carol Service** Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm in the church followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.