



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.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**Second Sunday of Advent** (Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12)

Advent - a new beginning for us?

Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focuses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change.

### Parish Lottery Winners

**Saturday 30th Nov Week No: 53 Bonus Ball 51 Thunder Ball 8**

£150 will be divided between: Brian & Rose Wood, Margaret Collins, Vincent Jones, Josie Carney

(each receive £37) **There was no winner of the Thunder Ball. Amount to be won next week £100.**

### 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)

Pilates classes

Tuesday evening 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Wednesday: 7.30pm Bingo

Thursday: 7.00pm

Musical Instrument Classes

follow us on our facebook page: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre



### Live Music

Saturday 21st December

'Brendan O'Brian'

entry £5

Boxing Night 26th December

'Billy Martin'

entry £6



New Year's Eve

Pat & Caroline McGrath

with support act

Andy Green

Tickets avl £8



## 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

## Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2019



Masses this week

Sat 7th Dec	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Ffrench (Anniv) Margaret Maguire (1st Anniv)
Sun 8th Dec	9.00 am	Second Sunday of Advent	Eddie Breslin (Anniv) Joe McKinney (Months Mind) Liam Collins RIP
	11.00am		Anne Wallace (Anniv) Paddy Coyne (Anniv) Martin Corrigan
Mon 9th Dec	9.15am	The Immaculate Conception	People of the Parish
Tue 10th Dec	9.00am		Peter O'Donnell (Anniv)
Wed 11th Dec	9.00am		Jack Casserley (Anniv)
Thu 12th Dec	9.00am		Ann Walsh Intention Pray for Peter O'Donnell (L/D)
Fri 13th Dec	9.00am	St Lucy	Helen Meehan (L/D)
Sat 14th Dec	10.00am	St John of the Cross	Philip & Jean Brady (Anniv)
	12 noon		Nuptial Mass
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Gerard & Stephen McKenna & Oliver Kirk (Anniv) Bert Buckingham (L/D)
Sun 15th Dec	9.00am	Third Sunday of Advent	Bill & Jackie Doyle RIP Simon Oldacres (Anniv) Catherine Whelan (Anniv) Deceased of Towey & Collins families
	11.00am		Tom Keane RIP Linda Bessant (L/D) Patrick McMahon (L/D) Willie Whelan (Anniv) Special Intention

**School Mass** on Monday at 9.15am for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

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

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

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

**2nd Sunday of Advent:**

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**Response to Psalm:**In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation  
of God.  
Alleluia!**Mass of Thanksgiving** we welcome those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday to the 11.00am Mass today.**Aid to the Church in Need** Deacon Tim will be speaking at all Masses this 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>.**Children's Liturgy 9.00am Mass** There will be no Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass this week as all the ladies who run it will be attending the Confirmation thanksgiving Mass. It will resume as normal from next Sunday.**Archbishop Bernard Longley** will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of his installation as Archbishop of Birmingham this Monday (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - transferred from today 8th December). He will celebrate Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.**Weekly Offerings** for last weekend were £1,384.24 of which £486.58 was gift aided.**Retiring Collection this weekend** will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.**Clergy Training Fund** monthly envelopes handed in last weekend came to £58.60. Thank you.**Walk With Me booklets** *A Journey of Prayer for Advent* are available, please take a copy from the back of church.**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.**Sacrament of Baptism** We welcome into God's family **Meghan Catherine Patricia Harding** and **Lucia Catherine Perez Grant** who were Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes last weekend.**Next Senior Citizens Tea Party** at Bishop Challoner will be on Wednesday 18th December 2.00pm - 4.00pm.**Heritage Group Outing** to **Bath Christmas Market** this Wednesday 11th, the coach will leave church at 10.00am.**Love and Mercy - Faustina** this film is a docudrama on Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr Faustina Kowalska, reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the truth of the Divine Mercy message. It will be shown at the Odeon Cinema, New Street this Tuesday (10th) at 8.20pm. For more information and tickets visit [www.loveandmercyfilm.co.uk](http://www.loveandmercyfilm.co.uk)**Dates for Diary****Advent Penitential Service - 7.30pm**Our Lady of Lourdes - Thursday 19th  
St Edward's, Selly Park - Monday 16th  
St Dunstan's, Kings Heath - Tuesday 17th  
St Mary's, Harborne - Wednesday 18th  
St Brigid's, Northfield - Friday 20th**Advent Carol Service**Sunday 22nd  
December at 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**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.**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:** John Reilly (Moseley - Requiem Tuesday 17th December at 11.00am. Reception before Mass)  
Rose Rahill (Co Limerick - Sister of Jerry Reidy) Paul Ryan (Bromford) Patrick Curran (Hollybank Road)  
Patrick McMahon (Dungannon, Co Tyrone - Brother of Margaret McCaffrey)**Anniversaries:** 8th Dec - 14th Dec: Ellen O'Brien, Marie McInerney, Stephen McKenna, Joseph Keating, Karen Leach, Edward Breslin, Brian Butler, Carmel Thomas, Cyril Mayhew, Patricia Grant, Dermot Hurley, Patrick Duffy, Elizabeth Phelan, Timothy Moriarty, Sylvia Ford, Michael Keenan, Ann Goulding, Peter O'Donnell, Jack Casserley, Joseph Bales, Bernard McDonagh, Patricia Loughrey, Nancy Dolan, Gertrude Shryane, Ann McTernan, Phyllis Isaacs, Catherine Whelan, Max Lopacki, Michael Holland, Richard Moody, Harry Doran, Hughina Byrne, John Conlon, Desmond Cowan, Theresa Clift, Irene Rice, Agnes Mazurkiewicz, Joe Douglas, Lucy Currie, Fr Cyril Barlow, Mary Brady, Teresa Lovell, Irene Cassidy, Annette McGeever, Richard Carlon

Children's Liturgy	This Weekend 8th Dec	Next Weekend 15th Dec
11 am	M Healy, T Flaherty	M Leonard, H Leonard, C Leonard
Readers	This Weekend 8th Dec	Next Weekend 15th Dec
6 pm	A Smith, Parish Sisters	M Anthony
9 am	M Preece	E McNamara
11 am	M Okonkwo, Parish Sisters	E Keating, J Bennett
Music 9 am	I Sutton	J Long
Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend 8th Dec	Next Weekend 15th Dec
6 pm	P Freeman, L Freeman	Sr Clarissa, C Roache
9 am	L Mockler, A Maxwell, T Kenna, T Oxley, J Oxley	A Parker, P Fitzpatrick, J Ryan, A Treacy, M Wilson
11 am	Y Brennan, E Keating	S Timson, J Duggan
Minibus Driver	M McGrath	F Stephenson, C Martin
Counting Team	T Hickey, B Power	P Fitzpatrick, A Hannon
	Friday: 13th Dec	Saturday: 21st Dec
Cleaning Team	Team 3: C Mullen, C Moore	Team 4: M Fenton, I Farrell, M Lynch

**Parish Sisters - Christmas Raffle** The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are holding a Christmas Raffle, they will be selling tickets at Masses this weekend (40p per ticket) The draw will take place on 15th December.**Piety Shop** Christmas stock now available, cards, candles, advent calendars, diaries, cribs etc.**Christmas Fayre** Thank you to all who supported the Christmas fayre. The total amount raised was £4,417.80 which will go towards replacing the minibus.