



MARRIAGE MATTERS

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Third Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11)

Cherish the gift

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' coming. When Jesus came the Magi brought gifts. We are preparing gifts for family and friends. When you married, and every day since, you have gifted yourself.... entrusted yourselves.... to each other; do you still cherish the gift? How much has trust helped you on your journey together? Thank the Lord!

Parish Lottery Winners

Saturday 7th Week No: 1 Bonus Ball 39 Thunder Ball 12

£150 will be divided between: Pat Clarke, Noreen Black, Peter Carbery, Imelda Ralph (each receive £37) **There was no winner of the Thunder Ball. Amount to be won next week £150.**

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

Live Football

Sunday 15th December from 2.00pm

Man Utd v Everton

Arsenal v Man City

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

Saturday 21st December
'Brendan O'Brian'
entry £5



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



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

Third Sunday of Advent - 15th December 2019



Masses this week

Sat 14th Dec	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Gerard & Stephen McKenna & Oliver Kirk (Anniv) Bert Buckingham (L/D)
Sun 15th Dec	9.00 am	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) Willie Whelan (Anniv)
			John & Ann Quinn RIP Patrick McMahon (L/D) Special Intention
Mon 16th Dec	9.00am		George & Kathleen McGuckian
Tue 17th Dec	9.00am		Michael Costello RIP
	11.00am		Requiem: John Reilly
Wed 18th Dec	9.00am		Special Intention
Thu 19th Dec	9.15am		Mary & Martin Walsh and family intentions
Fri 20th Dec	9.00am		Patrick McCool (Anniv)
Sat 21st Dec	10.00am		Derek Warnaby (L/D)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Elsie, Patrick, Catherine Kelly & deceased of family Lloyd & Flanagan families
Sun 22nd Dec	9.00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Hughie O'Neill RIP Breda, Joe & Joseph McTiernan RIP
	11.00am		Pat Ralph RIP Peter O'Donnell RIP Peter & Christopher Galligan (Anniv) Caroline Power (Anniv)
			John O'Neill RIP John & Bridie McGill RIP

Requiem: John Reilly on Tuesday at 11.00am. Reception before Mass.

School Mass on Thursday at 9.15am.

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent:

Parish Mass Book p88 Preface p66

Response to Psalm:

Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

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

School Advent Carol Concert Friday 20th
Dec at 1.15pm. All parishioners are welcome.

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

Please take one of the leaflets from the back
of church with times of Services.

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.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Directories

now available in the piety shop price £3.

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.

Christmas posters from the Knights of St
Columba are available at the back of church.

Please take one and display in your front
window during the Christmas season.

*"Proclaiming Christ as the True Reason for
the Season."*

Practice for Christmas Eve family Mass

Will take place on Sunday 22nd at 10.15am,
for the children who will be reading at the
6.00pm family Mass.

Church cleaning for Christmas There will
be no cleaning on Saturday 21st December.
Anyone available to help clean the church on
Monday 23rd please come along after the
9.00am Mass.

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 from the presbytery. This should be completed and then brought to Fr Sean for signature, to verify Catholic practice and Mass attendance. The form should be handed in at the school office before 15th January 2020.

Advent Wreath Today is traditionally known
as Gaudete Sunday (Latin meaning rejoice) we
light the third candle (pink, for joy) on our
Advent wreath. The wreath has five candles,
the four round the edge are for the four
Sunday's of advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love).
The centre candle is white which represents
Christ and is lit on Christmas Day. The wreath
is a circle of evergreen branches to symbolize
eternal life.

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

Weekly Offerings for last weekend were
£1,346.46 of which £792.92 was gift aided.

Retiring Collection next weekend will be
towards the cost of the Walk With Me Books.

Retiring Collection last weekend taken for
Aid to the Church in Need raised £1,010.38.
Thank you.

Quiz night in aid of HCPT Thank you to all
who supported the recent quiz night £259.10
was raised for HCPT youth group.

Clergy Training Fund envelopes handed in
this month came to £73.50. Thank you.

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 Senior Citizens Tea Party at Bishop
Challoner will be on Wednesday 18th
December 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Entrance by
church can now be used.

Next Quiz Night in aid of charity will be on
Friday 10th January at 8.30pm in the Parish
Centre. All welcome, please support.

Congratulations to

Harry Dunne & Sínead Farrell

who married at Our Lady of Lourdes last
Saturday.

Pray for the sick - James Barry, Dyphna Beggan, Pat Berns, Daniel Breen, Eddie Byrne, Nellie Cassidy, Isabella Chester, Pat Clarke, Gary Collins, William Conry, Josie Douglas, Mary (Ria) Finglas, Mary Fleming, Baby Chloe Glendall, Bryan Grogan, Dan Healy, Finbar Herron, Colette Hickey, Jean Hoban, Ray Holton, Jenny Keane, Brian Kirk, Josephine Kirk, Barbara Kopieczek, Norah Laffoley, Mary Mazurkiewicz, Mary McGoldrick, 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) Margaret Kelly (Ferndale Road)

Patrick Curran (Hollybank Road - Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium Monday 23rd December at 12.30pm.)
Fr John Ellis (Retired priest of the Diocese)



Anniversaries: 15th Dec - 21st Dec: Robert Boyle, Hanna Boyle, Jadwiga Mazurkiewicz, William Daly, James Burke, Rita Cosgrave, Patrick Healy, Ian Fishwick, James Duffy, Mivhael Meally, Ceri Williams, Brian McMullin, John Walsh, Patrick Reilly, Peter Kenny, Gino Porzi, Catherine Guy, Philip Brady, Janie McDonagh, Caroline Power, Thomas Geraghty, Michael Nevin, Bridget Kinnaird, Patrick McCool, Mary Lawman, Bernadette Prescott, Hugh Campbell,

Children's Liturgy	This Weekend 15th Dec	Next Weekend 22nd Dec
11 am	M Leonard, H Leonard, C Leonard	M Healy, T Flaherty
Readers	This Weekend 15th Dec	Next Weekend 22nd Dec
6 pm	M Anthony	J Silvey
9 am	E McNamara	C McCann, B Martin, E Bailey
11 am	E Keating, J Bennett	S Harkin, D Thompson
Music 9 am	J Long	K Anthony
Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend 15th Dec	Next Weekend 22nd Dec
6 pm	Sr Clarissa, C Roache	D Ryan, M Moran
9 am	A Parker, P Fitzpatrick, J Ryan, A Treacy, M Wilson	A Oldacres, D Macaulay, T Oxley, J Oxley, T Kenna
11 am	S Timson, J Duggan	A Maxwell, R Flanagan
Minibus Driver	F Stephenson, C Martin	P Carbery
Counting Team	P Fitzpatrick, A Hannon	M Spellacy, P Spellacy
	Monday: 23rd Dec	Friday: 27th Dec
Cleaning Team	after 9.00am Mass - anyone who can help please come along	Team 5: C Parsons, K Watt, P Oldacres, C Shipman, P Shears

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.

