



# St. Patrick's Parish

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr C  
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## PARISH DIARY

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December:	12 noon 8.30pm 9.00pm	Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Anne Cassidy Carol Service First Mass of Christmas
Nativity of the Lord		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> : Nativity of the Lord	10.00am	Christmas Mass Page 38 in Mass Book
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30am	Mass: Feast of St Stephen
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30am	Mass: Feast of St John
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Feast of the Holy Innocents
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> : Feast of the Holy Family	6pm 10am	Vigil Mass Mass
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> :	6.00pm	Exposition
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January:	10.00am	Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**COLLECTIONS**

16<sup>th</sup> December

£364.30

## ADVENT IN THE PARISH

**During Advent** we will sing Acclamation 2 on the sheet.

**“Catholicism” by Bishop Robert Barron** – the Advent sessions conclude in the church house this Sunday evening at 6pm. Don't worry if you missed the previous episodes you can still come along and enjoy the others. We will watch the rest of the series in Lent.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** – thank you for your wonderful response to this collection. The items donated will help the homeless this Christmas.

**St Nicholas Care fund / Pastoral Care Trust Boxes** – thank you for your donations of 725.45 in last week's second collection. Please now return your boxes with the money you raised over Advent.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Carol service	8.30pm
First Mass of Christmas	9.00pm,

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day	10.00am.
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Please invite all your friends to come and join our celebrations of the Birth of Christ.

**Crib** – please take the chance to pray at the Crib after Christmas. We have a new Baby Jesus this year brought to the Parish from Bethlehem. At the Crib there is a collection box to raise money for St Margaret's adoption society, making sure that all children can find a home. Please be generous in supporting them.



**Parish Raffle** – the winners are published on the notice board at the back of the church. Please collect your prizes from Rosaleen and Irene, who are due our thanks as the raffle raised 425.20!

**Thanks** to all who came along for the big clean and washed, scrubbed, polished, decorated the tree, changed the lights and gave the church a sparkle in time for Christmas!



**New Year** – on New Year’s Eve there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 7pm, concluding with Benediction. On New Year’s Day – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – there will be Mass at 10am.

**Next Weekend** – Canon Gargaro will be away for a couple of days between Christmas and New Year and so next weekend we welcome Father Raphael, who currently serves as one of the chaplains to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital , to celebrate our Vigil and 10am Masses.

**Christmas cards** have been left for parishioners on the table at the back of the church. Please check to see if someone has left a card for you.

**Ordination** – Deacon Andrew McGowan will be ordained a priest in the Cathedral on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this great day, and please pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

**The Divine Mercy Prayer Group** will be taking a break over the holidays, returning on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Of course, the Divine Mercy of God never ceases!

### **Christmas Day Prayer**

Lord God,

Today may we not only unwrap presents,

But may we discover more of your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive food,

But may we feast on your faith.

Today may we not only cherish happy times with family and friends,

But may we invite you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing carols that celebrate your birth,

But may we dwell upon the resurrected Christ alive this moment.

Living Lord, we long to discover your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and thank you for your sacrifice. Amidst the presents, food and family we long to celebrate Christmas with you. Amen

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. My soul proclaims you, mighty God,  
My spirit sings your praise.  
You look on me, you lift me up  
And gladness fills my days.

2. All nations now will share my joy;  
And gifts you have outpoured.  
Your little one you have made great;  
I magnify my God.

3. For those who love your holy name,  
Your mercy will not die.  
Your strong right hand puts down the proud  
And lifts the lowly high.

4. You fill the hungry with good things,  
The rich you send away.  
The promise made to Abraham  
Is filled to endless day.

5. Then let all nations praise our God,  
The Father and the Son,  
The Spirit blest who lives in us,  
While endless ages run



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently dead:** Sister Mary Bernard McAtamney ofsf, Anne Cassidy, John O’Kane,

**Anniversaries:** Martin Farrell, Norah Farrell, Patrick Roper, Patricia Roper, John Lee, Elizabeth Gillan, Margaret Coughlan English, Margaret English, Enrico Iannarelli, Katie, Willie & John Gourlay, Bob, Fraser & Robert Dalziel .



**Funerals this week** – Anne Cassidy – Christmas Eve (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December) at 12 noon.