

## **CHRISTMAS at OUR LADY of the VISITATION**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Sunday School Nativity  
10.30 am, in the Parish Centre.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Our Lady of the Visitation School Carol Service  
2.00 pm, in Church.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Our Lady of the Visitation School Carol Service  
6.30 pm, in Church.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Cardinal Wiseman High School Christmas Liturgy  
9.00 am, in Church.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Penitential Service at 11.00 am, in Church.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
1.00 pm to 3.00 pm, in the Old Church Hall

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve  
Children's Mass (Pageant) 6.00 pm  
Carols from 8.30 pm, followed by Mass at 9.00 pm  
Carols from 11.30 pm, followed by Mass at 12.00 midnight.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Masses on Christmas Day  
9.00 am      10.30 am      12.00 noon  
NO 8.00 am and NO evening Mass

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mass at 12.00 noon  
Bank Holiday – the office will be closed.

## **Our Lady of the Visitation Parish**

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.  
Registered Charity No. 252929

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**COMMUNITY**  
Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Liam O'Donovan SCA,  
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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Saturday      9.00 am – 4.00 pm  
Sunday                      10.00 – 1.30 pm

	<b>MASSES</b>
Mon - Sat	12.00 noon
Sunday	Saturday 7.00 pm – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)**

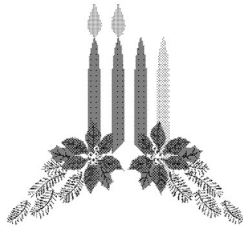
#### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**The readings for this weekend's Masses start on  
page 88 in the Mass book.**

**The Creed – page 11/12      The Lord's Prayer - page 56**

**The response to the Psalm is -  
*Come, Lord, and save us.***

**The Acclamation is:  
*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.***



**The Third Sunday of Advent is called ‘Gaudete Sunday’,  
which means ‘Joy’ or ‘Rejoice’.**

The first words that Mary says when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured.’ Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long-awaited Messiah. When she goes to see her cousin Elizabeth, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.’ Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them with Elizabeth and the whole world. When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they heard this life-giving message, ‘Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.’ The good news of Jesus’ birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today. Like Mary, who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share that joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. As Mary did with Elizabeth, may we follow her example and share our joy with all those we meet during these last few days and weeks of Advent. May we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

***ADVENT BIBLE PRAYER GROUP***

Enrich your Advent journey through praying and living the Word. **Join us in the meeting room behind the sacristy at 7.30 pm on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.** The Lord has something powerful and beautiful for you, and the Word of God is creative and has the power to heal and soothe our souls; to open up new avenues and possibilities; and to shine a light in the darkness. Prayerfully reading the Bible, the Word of God, enables us to contemplate God and God’s will in our lives.

***PRAYER MEETING***

The Thursday Prayer Meetings will resume on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

***FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS***

Please note that there will be NO First Friday devotions in January 2020. They will resume on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

***EXTREME COLD***

Extreme cold can cause serious health problems and even death for those who are exposed overnight or for long periods of time.

**If you see anyone bedding down, please consider contacting Streetlink. You might just save their life. You can call them on 0300-500-0914**

***PILGRIMAGE to FATIMA***

Fr. Liam will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The cost will be approximately £560.00 per person. **You will need to arrange your own travel insurance.** Full itinerary, booking forms and forms will be in the parish office. Please book as early as possible as the places are limited.

***The Westminster Year Book for 2020  
is now available in the Parish Office, price £4.50.***

***FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS***

*Catherine Loran*

Mass 10.45 am, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Greenford Park Cemetery Chapel, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

*Junie Sowah*

Service 11.00 am, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

***Advance Notice***

*Timothy Williams*

Mass 10.00 am, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

*Tina Louise Leonard*

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

*Hubert Cyprian Rodrigues*

Mass 1.00 pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Visitation Church