

# St. Patrick's Church

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3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023				1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am	Mary O'Drain 'A'	11:30 am	Pat O'Roure 'RIP' & Kofi Boakye Antwi 'A'
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Helen Carothers 'RIP'		
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	No Service		
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	No Service		
Thur	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	No Service		
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Paul McDonagh 'I'		
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peggy Heffernan 'RIP'		
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Margaret Begley 'I'	11:30 am	Pat Stokes 'RIP' & Gerard McDonagh 'RIP'

**Quite a number of our parishioners, relatives and friends, are ill at home or in hospital;** Margaret English, Paul Mc Donagh, Hilda Antelo, Regina Makho, Oscar Pineda, Ricardo Andre Leite Marquez, Alex Fernandes, Maura Fitzpatrick, Maria, Francis Mc Ginley, Ronan Mc Donagh, Kimberly Barrett. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Last Sundays Collection: £530 many thanks.**

Date	Time	Reader
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	Shantle Del Rosario
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Mariam Milad
	11:30am	Hubert Heder

**Covid 19 Recovery Appeal:** Congratulations! To our October winner Anne Varley.

## Christmas Bazaar:

**JUST 1 WEEKS AWAY!!!**

**NEXT Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December** after each of the morning Masses. As usual we are looking for anything that you don't need anymore: non-perishables, small items, ornaments, bric-a-brac, anything of interest and in good condition. Perhaps bake a cake, or buy one and donate it. Boxes of chocolates, biscuits and bottles of spirits and wines are most welcome! So, start your treasure hunt today and bring your goodies ASAP. Thanks to all who have already brought their treasures!

**Christmas Carols:** During and after the **11.30am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

This is being provided by a visiting Filipino choir. More information nearer the time.

**First Holy Communion:** Application forms in the wall pouches in the parish hall. **Returned by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Late applications will not be considered.**

**Advent Extra:** Your journey to Christmas booklet is now available; one for each family in the parish with a children's insert. These are free, but feel free to make a donation towards the cost, thanks!

**Browsing for Christmas:** During the next few weeks all of us will 'browse' the shops to prepare for Christmas; presents and gifts, food and drink, decorations and Christmas cards, etc. The internet is becoming a powerful tool for browsing and also for spreading the gospel. Besides our parish Advent booklet mentioned above, here are some web sites, to browse, to help you on your spiritual journey towards Christmas. [www.faith-at-home.com](http://www.faith-at-home.com) (parents and children friendly) [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com) (excellent guide to all things about Advent and Christmas) [www.wellsprings.org.uk](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk) (a great source of prayer and Advent liturgies) [www.scaredspace.ie](http://www.scaredspace.ie) (one of the oldest and best known sites on prayer and commentary on the readings at Mass) A challenging web site is [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). (Here a window for each of the days of Advent opens up looking at live issues in our world). **So let's get browsing, not just in the shops, this Advent.**

**Christmastide is almost upon us!** Please note Times of Services over the Christmas period.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at 10:30am.**

**Christmas Eve: First Mass of Christmas 8.00pm** (Glass of mulled wine and warm Mince pies afterwards!)

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day: Mass at 10:30 am**

(no weekday masses 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday - Saturday)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> No Evening Mass**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve: Mass at 10:30am ONLY**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January: New Year's Day. (Mary Mother of God): Mass at 10:30am.**

(no weekday masses 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January that's Tuesday - Friday)