

THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:

Sanctuary Lamps - John McGloin (RIP)
Our Lady's Chapel - Mary Comerford (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 11TH DECEMBER TO 18TH DECEMBER 2022

11th December 2022	5.30 pm	Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)
3rd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Ita O'Connor (RIP)
Gaudete Sunday	12 noon	Andrew, April & Bert Howe (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Bridget & Michael Thornton (RIP)
Monday 12th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Steve Howley (RIP)
	12 noon	Funeral - Michael Adami (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Tuesday 13th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
St. Lucy	10.00 am	William Stack (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Wednesday 14th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
St. John of the Cross	10.00 am	Noreen McGloin (Intentions)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Thursday 15th December	NO MASS HERE TODAY The Church will remain closed.	
Friday 16th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Edmund Thavapragasam (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Saturday 17th December	10.00 am	Frank Moran (RIP)
	10.30-11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 18th December	5.30 pm (Sat)	Sean Keane (RIP)
4th Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Mary & Ted O'Shea (RIP)
Year A	12 noon	Jimmy Quinn (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Daniel Warren (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.15pm



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PARISH TEAM

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The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.

GAUDETE

Gaudete! Rejoice! says Mother Church to us on this Sunday. This rejoicing that the Church invite us to, though, is not just a feeling of being happy, but something that goes much deeper, that is life-changing.

This is the same invitation to joy that the Angel gave to the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation. It is the same joy that God wishes to his people who is suffering, who feels abandoned and forgotten by Him. It is the same invitation to joy that St. Paul gives to the Christian communities: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!'

But what is this joy that we are invited to enter into, which is so important and life-changing that God himself calls us to enter into it? It is the joy of knowing that God is acting; that God loves us and he is in action in order to save us. It is what is called the "messianic joy", the hope of the coming of Christ in which he will finally destroy all that in our lives have been the cause of suffering, division, anger, pain, abuse, resentment, our sins, while strengthening and making eternal everything in us that He recognises as His: love, forgiveness, peace, our very selves.

On this Sunday we stand at the point in which we look at all dimensions of the History of Salvation that God has done, is doing and will continue to do for us; today we can both contemplate and rejoice in the lowly coming of Christ as one of us, in flesh and weakness in Bethlehem and what he has done for us through his Death and Resurrection. We also look into and rejoice at his Second Coming, at the end of time, when God will put all things together under Christ, destroying death forever.

At this we rejoice and celebrate his Coming among us in this Sacrament of the Eucharist and offer to the Father this sacrifice of praise. In doing so we can experience the life-changing power of this joy that comes from God's loving actions to us, breaking our bonds to sin and vice and making us truly free.

CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

For all vacancies in the Diocese please visit the website
<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have recently joined the parish, or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years, please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Mary Wallace, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, Nora Demello, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Peggy McNicholas, Gillian Burke, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Mary O'Regan, Nollaig Donegan, Kamini Mahida, Salvatore Giambrone, Francis Thone, Gary Sheppard, John McCarthy, John & Agnes Keane, George Alden, baby Wilf, Joseph Jackson, Kitty Kiely, Isabella Czerniajew, Bernie Killeen, Doreen Sullivan, Audrey Farrell, Philip Rodgers, John & Phil Boyne, Rita Clli, Mary Theresa Mills, Laura Madeira, Tom Doyle.

(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME. WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:

Michael Adami, James Reilly, Celia McManus, Petula White, Steve Tierney, Ainsley, Clare & Henry Maull, Maurice Kiely, Anne O'Sullivan, Frank Moran.

RED SANCTUARY LAMPS / BLUE LAMP BY OUR LADY

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, or for someone's intentions please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 for the Red Sanctuary lamps and £5 for Our Lady, the names will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

COLLECTIONS 04/12/2022

Standing Orders	£1261.00
Envelopes	£ 224.50
Loose Plate	£ 599.69

WEDDINGS

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP NEWS)

We had our final monthly meeting of the year on Monday evening and, as usual, the agenda was pretty full! Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners, and the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, we are ending the year in good shape. Our 18-strong team, ably supported by the energetic B-Attitudes, are ready to address the challenges that these dark and cold months always bring. Be it the Hungry, the Lonely, the Sick or the Imprisoned, we are on standby to help. Please play your part too, though, and keep an eye on your vulnerable family members, friends and/or neighbours. The first step is to take a step and if we all do something, then that could make all the difference to someone in need. Our request, as ever, is to please remain 'Aware' of need around us and do not hesitate to contact your SVP Team if our help is needed - 07563 775777

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Items the SVP would like for the Food bank this week

Tinned Vegetables	Cereals	Long life fruit juice
Tinned Fruit & Puddings	Cleaning Supplies	Tinned Soup
Biscuits	Jam	Sugar
Rice & Instant noodles	Tinned Potato	Pasta Sauce
Long Life Milk	Tea/Coffee	Tinned Meat
Toilet Roll Paper	Shampoo	Conditioner
Hand Soap	Deodorants	Shower Gel
Mince Pies	Treats	Plastic/shopping Bags

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

If you still need a school form signed, primary or secondary, please collect an information form from Fr. Paulo after any weekend Mass and then call Gillian in the parish office between 9am and 12noon Monday to Friday (not Thursdays), to make an appointment. Fr. Paulo will only meet with you once you have collected the information form from him.

Christmas Poinsettia

Would you would like to donate a poinsettia to our church in memory of a loved one this Christmas? If so, please bring a small/medium poinsettia along to any mass by Friday 23rd December and place your plant along the steps of the sanctuary area. These will remain in place all over the Christmas period in memory of those who have died. Please, if possible bring along in a pot that can hold water.

Christmas Envelopes

Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are considering your offering to be personal to your parish priest please put his name on the front of the envelope.