

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Thursday 19th December 2024 at 7.00pm

As part of your preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus Christ into our world and into our lives, please do consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving his forgiveness and love—a perfect way of being able to celebrate Christmas

There will be a couple of visiting priests



A NOVENA TO PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Please join us as we follow this Novena to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ and listen to the wonderful words of the Prophet Isaiah as he speaks of the coming of the Messiah and the fulfilment of God's plan of salvation



Monday 16th – after 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 17th – after 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 18th – after 9.30am Mass
Thursday 19th – after 9.30am Mass
Friday 20th – after 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 21st – after 9.30am Mass
Sunday 22nd – at 4.00pm with
Evening Prayer
Monday 23rd – after 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 24th – after 9.30am Mass

Booklets will be available

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The
Immaculate
Conception



December

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm - For the Intentions of Parishioners

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

9.30am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

11.00am – Intentions of Arianne Phagoo

5.00pm – Eva & Luigi Visocchi - Anniversary

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Cyril Ibekwe – Anniversary

Novena to prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (1)

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Mary Keighrey – Birthday Int.

Novena to prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (2)

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Holy Father's Intentions

Novena to Prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (3)

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Lily & Gerry Culbert - Anniversary

Novena to Prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (4)

7.00pm – Service of Reconciliation & Forgiveness

Fri 5.00pm – Church Opens with Exposition

5.30pm – Advent Confessions until 7.15pm

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Teresa & Thomas Delaney – Christmas Int

Novena to Prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (5)

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Holy Souls

Novena to Prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (6)

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Gloria & Amanda - Recovery

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Sheila Brown - Anniversary

9.30am – For Intentions of Parishioners

11.00am – Alice Audu – Anniversary

Novena (7) and Evening Prayer

5.00pm – Declan Culbert - Recovery

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals"

By the time Luke is writing his gospel, some decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the Apostles which confers Christian baptism in the Spirit. Luke's account is certainly not without factual foundation, but his principle interest is in the story of salvation as it continues to unfold in the early Church. The impending end of the world is less emphasised, and John the Baptist's call to conversion receives a new relevance; it now seeks to influence men in the day-to-day conduct of their ordinary lives. Luke show us a people, men and women of good will, of all social levels and occupations. Listening to the words of the Precursor, they have realised the necessity of changing something in their way of life. Like them, we ask:.... "What must we do"? The first condition of any conversion is to abandon our self-sufficiency and to recognise the need to be profoundly touched by some word which will take us out of ourselves. Let each of us then take stock of our situation and see how best to fulfil our obligations of social justice, mutual support and charity in our particular circumstances and work. The many individuals who cast a first glance at themselves and accept to open themselves to the ways of God become a people of expectancy.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

**Friday 20th December from
5.30pm to 7.15pm**

**Saturday 21st December from
after Mass until 11.00am**

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

SEASON OF ADVENT

The 3rd Sunday in Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* – a time to rejoice
For Christians around the world, Advent refers to the four weeks leading up to Christmas, where communities remember and celebrate the arrival of Jesus and join together in the hope of his ultimate return
Four Themes of Advent:

Hope: The first theme of Advent is hope.

Peace: The second theme is on peace.

Love: Week three celebrates love

Joy: The last week focuses on joy

how fitting is that!

Advent, like Lent, is a Penitential Season, and a time when we think about changing our lives for the better so that our hearts are open to welcome Jesus at Christmas.



Prepare yourself well – be faithful to your prayers and regular attendance at Mass and make an effort to get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December 2024 – For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Thursday 19th December 2024

As part of our parish preparation for Christmas there will be a Service of Reconciliation in our church at 7.00pm on the above day. There will be visiting priests here to hear Confessions. Please do take advantage as part of your preparation.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE 2025

with trips to Mostar & Surmanci

29th April to 7th May 2025

9 days/8 nights – half-board

Price – Approx £850

Departing from Luton airport. Twin room sharing. Check in luggage 23kg + hand carry. Included are flights, transfer, entrance fees as per itinerary. Single room supplement £225. Not included – travel insurance, lunches; tips & gratuities will be added to invoice. **Prices will increase at the end of December so book early!**

Always a wonderful spiritual experience
Do join us for a very special time. Our first pilgrimage together for some time.



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OUR SAVIOUR**

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There will be Novena booklets available in the church – please join us as we say the prayers together – if you would like to follow the Novena privately please take a copy home with you. **Lets prepare well**

**MARY'S MEALS
An appeal**

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

MAGNIFICAT

Because of the change of translation the cost of Magnificat has increased for this month only from £4.99 to £6.50. Sorry!

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th December (7-9pm) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, New Southgate. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

THE PRICE OF VOTIVE CANDLES

For quite some time we have been subsidising the price of votive candles in our church. The cost of these candles has increased and so we going to have to raise the price of the candles. We cannot afford to lose income any more so the cost of these candles will increase to £1 each.

**LEGION OF MARY
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom**

**Meeting on Sunday 12th January 2025
at 2.45pm in parish hall**

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The CCS are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. Check out their Christmas Card brochure in porch.

Parish Shop – Cribs, Christmas Cards, Cane Calendars, Statues, Rosaries and gifts.

ADVENT QUIET TIMES

Advent is a serious time of preparation and so we really need times of peacefulness and quiet to come before God in prayer. These are times when the church is open for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Tues 10th: 7.00pm - 8.15pm – night prayer
Tues 17th: 6.30pm – 8.15pm – night prayer
In addition to those mentioned below.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am
*As we approach the Jubilee
Year do try and give a
little more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

Introductory Sessions for Parishioners

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency will be visiting the parish talking on 3 subjects
5th Dec – A look at Liturgy
Understanding the Liturgical year
16th Jan – Reflecting on the Eucharist
Understanding the Sacrament of the Eucharist
13th Feb – Reflecting on Reconciliation
Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Evenings will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Prayers please:

Sick: Mehill Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey,

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebaggala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli, John Charlery.

Anniversaries: Dennis Swanton, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Surujnath Ragbir, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 12th January at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church

for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

Junior Carol Concert

The Junior Classes from St Mary's School will be presenting their Carol Concert in the church on Tuesday 10th December at 5.00pm. You are very welcome to come along.

Altar Servers Training

There will be training for all Altar Servers in preparation for Christmas on Sunday 15th December straight after 11.00am Mass – all Servers!

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

SUNDAY PLUS

The promise of hope



Advent is a time of expectancy and hope. This is a busy time in schools. There are nativity plays and carol services, decorations, making of cards, exchanging of gifts, Christmas lunches and visits – visits to the crib and visits from Father Christmas. It is a joyful time.

Expectancy, hope and joy resound through today's readings. "Shout for joy" exhort both the first reading and the psalm, and "Be happy" instructs the second reading: the time of Christmas will soon be upon us. In the Gospel, John brought authority and as a result expectancy built among the people. But he was not the Christ: Christ was still to come.

Last Advent I accompanied pupils who had been invited to sing carols in a local care home. When a teacher asked the residents whether any of

them had any requests that the children could sing, one lady, who had been joining in enthusiastically with the children singing, shouted out, "Any! I just love Christmas!" She was indeed singing and shouting for joy, albeit several days before Christmas itself.

It is a privilege that I can help children share Advent and Christmas joy with others. It is the nature of the school calendar that Christmas joy is anticipated: schools break for the holidays several days before Christmas. Yet that joy can be anticipated with certainty because of God's promise of hope, shared by John the Baptist. God will always be true to his promises. The celebration of the Nativity will soon be here.

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Experience joy

By Linda Jones

The Gospel is good news. There is hope. Today we hear how the crowds are full of excitement and expectation. Perhaps something in their lives will change. Someone special is coming.


Just before Christmas we can feel overwhelmed. Sometimes we get really worried about living up to some ideal event, with perfect food and a few days without family arguments. But deep down we know this is unrealistic. We

are human after all. We make mistakes, get grumpy and tired, and forget stuff. That's just normal.

But the worst thing about all the worry is that it can lead us to miss out on the joy. The worst thing about the fear is that we miss out on the hope. Can we share the joy and the hope at this time of year? One of the best ways to fully experience joy is to share it with others. How could you do that?

Linda Jones is Head of the CAFOD Theology Programme and a regular contributor to Redemptorist Publications.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.  Amen.

The Jubilee Prayer

Jubilee 2025:
Pilgrims of Hope



What is the Jubilee?

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God's holy and faithful people have experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterised by the forgiveness of sins and, in particular, by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. The faithful, frequently at the conclusion of a lengthy pilgrimage, draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church by passing through the Holy Door and venerating the relics of the Apostles Peter and Paul preserved in Roman basilicas. Down the centuries, millions upon millions of pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred places, bearing living witness to the faith professed in every age.

Pope Francis

Today:
Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Monday:
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17
Matthew 21: 23-27

Tuesday:
Genesis 49: 2, 8-10
Matthew 1: 1-17

Wednesday:
Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Matthew 1: 18-25

Thursday:
Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25
Luke 1:5-25

Friday:
Isaiah 7: 10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday:
Song of Songs 2: 8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Next Sunday:
Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

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Read

The Gospel for Sunday 15th December 2024

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S COUNSELS

When all the people asked John, "What must we do?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics, he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!" A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Taken from Luke 3:10-18 The Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

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Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

In this second of the two Advent Sunday gospels about John the Baptist we first hear details about how to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Luke is always aware of the dangers of wealth and money, so he concentrates on avoiding its misuse. First he teaches equal sharing with the needy, no hoarding but generosity. Then he turns to financial exploitation. Tax-collectors had to pay for the right to collect taxes, and would be tempted to extort a nice margin to cover their own needs. In the same way soldiers could be tempted to abuse their power by bullying those they were meant to protect. The second half of John's task is to point away from himself towards Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are full of the Holy Spirit. Luke must have been vividly aware of the working of the Spirit in the Church, in its ministers of all kinds and in the life of the Christian communities. He warns also of the fierce fire which will purge away impurities; for John the Baptist the Messiah is a stern figure who will burn away the rubbish in human hearts to make room for the Spirit. **What is the "rubbish" in my life which needs to be burnt away to prepare for the coming of Jesus?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

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Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is MERCY !

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 15th December 2024**



1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Rejoice, Daughter of Jerusalem!

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion; Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear; do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you; he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.



Zephaniah prophesies that Jerusalem, the Holy City, sacked by the Babylonians, will be restored. That day will be a day of overwhelming joy, when the Lord will truly be king in Jerusalem. After the exile in Babylon the Jews returned to Jerusalem, but they were continually dominated by one set of foreign rulers after another, tossed from one to the next as the plaything of their powerful neighbours. They longed more and more to be free, to have God as their only ruler. When Jesus came, the kingship of God dominated his whole horizon, but the people failed to recognize the kingship of God in his proclamation and his way of life. He was not the conquering hero they expected, and the citizens he gathered into his kingdom were the hungry, the poor, the persecuted, the disadvantaged, the alienated, the lost, the despised, the crippled and the sick. It was to these that he brought joy and rejoicing 'as on a day of festival'. If people failed to see God at work in Jesus' life, it was because they were looking for the wrong sort of God. If we want to share Christ's joy at Christmas, we must focus on the right kind of kingship of God.

How may I joyfully prepare for the coming of the Lord?



2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Be joyful in the Lord!

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

This third Sunday of Advent, halfway through the preparation for Christmas, is traditionally known as Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday. The encouragement which begins our reading from Philippians ('Be joyful!') underlines this message. However, it is all very well for Paul to tell us not to worry, to be happy and to place all our desires before God. Easier said than done! Moreover, how can we be sure that all our prayers and petitions made to God will be answered? How can they be, if you pray for rain while I pray for sunshine? The true prayer of petition is Jesus' own prayer, an embrace of the Father in loving confidence that God is just that, our loving Father. We can think we know what will make us happy, but the only true recipe for happiness is to leave it to God, in the knowledge that our human perception is limited and incomplete. Any further prayer must be provisional. It is almost a game: I think I know what will make me happy, but on another level I know that I don't know – but I trust that the Lord knows what will bring me true happiness. So, in prayer, I place my worries before the Lord and leave the rest to him.

Should I pray for any specific thing, or leave it all to God?

Place your worries before the Lord and leave the rest to him.

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

Friday 27th December

9.00am
9.30am
10.00am

ST JOHN – Apostle & Evangelist

Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass

Saturday 28th December

7.00am
8.30am
9.30am

THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Martyrs

Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass. Confessions until 11.30am

5.00pm

Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 29th December 2024

**+THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Masses at:

8.00am. 9.30am (Family). 11am (Sung) & 5.00pm



Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December *Octave days of Christmas* 8.15am Church open.
8.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary. 9.30am Mass

Tuesday 31st December

10.30pm
12 midnight

10.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Service of Readings & Benediction
New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday 1st January 2025

**+SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Mass at 12 noon – **Followed by a Buffet Lunch for everyone**



Thursday 2nd January *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

8.15am Church open. 8.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary. **9.30am Mass**

Friday 3rd January *Christmas Feria* 5.00pm Church open; 5.30pm Exposition & Confessions until 7.15pm; 6.30pm E. Prayer & Rosary; **7.30pm Mass**, followed by First Friday Devotions.

Saturday 4th January *Christmas Feria* 7.00am Church open; 8.15am Morning Prayer; 8.30am First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am; 9.30am Rosary and 15 minutes Rosary Prayer; 10.15am First Saturday Devotions; **10.30am Mass**

5.00pm **Vigil Mass of the Epiphany**

Sunday 5th January

Masses at:



+THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) **No Evening Mass**

*I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmastide
and a peaceful and blessed New Year.
My prayers always. Fr John*



Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God Services for Advent and Christmas 2024



Sunday 1st December

Masses at:

+FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday Vigil Mass of the Sunday – 5.00pm
8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 2nd December

8.30am
9.30am

Advent Feria – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass – with School

Tuesday 3rd December

8.30am
9.30am

St Francis Xavier – 8.15am – Church opens for Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 4th December

8.30am
9.30am

Advent Feria – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 5th December

8.30am
9.30am
6.00pm
6.30pm

Advent Feria - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer
Mass
Evening Prayer
Mass of the Agony in the Garden
Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation

Friday 6th December
 5.30pm *Advent Feria* – 5.00pm - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 6.30pm First Friday Confessions
 7.30pm Evening Prayer and Rosary
 Mass, followed by First Friday Devotions

Saturday 7th December – 1st Saturday *St Ambrose* 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 8.15am Morning Prayer
 8.30am First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am
 9.30am Rosary followed by 15 minutes quiet Rosary prayer
 10.15am First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 10.30am Mass
 5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 8th December
 Masses at:
+SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 9th December **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 8.15am Church opens; 8.30am - Morning Prayer & Rosary
 9.30am Mass – with School
 6.00pm Church opens; 6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary
 7.30pm Mass with singing



Tuesday 10th December
 8.30am *O.L. of Loreto* – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 11th December
 8.30am *St Damasus 1* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 12th December
 8.30am *O.L. of Guadalupe* - 8.15am – Church opens for Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Friday 13th December
 5.30pm *St Lucy* - 5.00pm - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 6.30pm Exposition & Confessions until 7.15pm
 7.30pm Evening Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Devotions

Saturday 14th December
 8.30am *St John of the Cross* – 7.00am – Church opens for Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass
 10.30am - 11.30am Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 15th December
 Masses at:
+THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung), 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm



Monday 16th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass

Tuesday 17th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 18th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 19th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am
Service of Reconciliation & Forgiveness (with visiting priests)

Friday 20th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 5.00pm School End of Term Mass
 5.30pm Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 6.30pm Confessions until 7.15pm
 7.30pm Evening Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Devotions

Saturday 21st December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 5.00pm Mass, followed by confessions + Exposition until 11.30am
 Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 22nd December
 Masses at:
+FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 23rd December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass

Tuesday 24th December
 8.15am *Advent Feria*
 8.30am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Advent Feria Mass

Tuesday 24th December
 5.00pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**
 7.00pm Family Christmas Mass
 9.00pm Italian Christmas Mass
 10.30pm Office of Readings
 Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Wednesday 25th December
 Masses at:
CHRISTMAS DAY
 8.00am, 9.30am (Family), 11.00am (Sung)
 12.30 (Italian), **No evening Mass today.**

Thursday 26th December
 9.00am **ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**
 9.30am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 11.00am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass with presentation of medals to our Altar Servers