

ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK
ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**First Sunday of Advent
3 December 2017**



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MASS TIMES

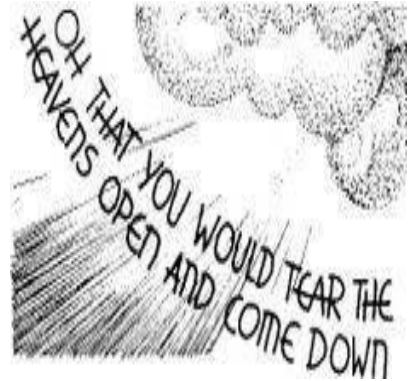
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 3	Advent Sunday	6pm (Sat) Pro Populo 11am Thomas & Edith Sheehan RIP	9am Bob Harris RIP
Mon 4	St John Damascene	9.30am Special Int.	10am PMF Intentions
Tue 5	St Birinus	6pm Holy Hour and Mass J & P Robinson	10am PMF Intentions
Wed 6	St Nicholas	No Mass	12pm PMF Intentions
Thu 7	St Ambrose	12pm Jeffers family	
Fri 8	Immaculate Conception	10am Bissell family deceased	10am PMF Intentions
Sat 9	St Juan Diego Cuauhlatotzin	11am Holy Hour 6pm (Vigil) Raymond Harris	10am PMF Intentions
Sun 10	Advent II	11am Michael John Murphy RIP 6pm Reception of Evelyn Philomena O'Neill	9am Sarah Campbell RIP 4pm Carols by Candlelight
	Confession	5pm (Sat)	10.30 (Sat)

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: *“Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!”* is the cry, of a people who need God. *“...The master is coming”* is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord’s coming, we must remember that it might be today!



GENERAL NOTICES

Second Collection today for SVP Christmas appeal (St Mary’s). **Forthcoming** 10 Dec Poor Parishes fund, 17 Dec Christmas Flowers.

Immaculate. Confirmations will be celebrated at Pentecost on Sunday 20 May next year.

Confirmations 2018 For children in years 5 or 6. The first meeting is on 11 December at 7pm in the Martyrs’ Room at St Mary

Rome Pilgrimage April 2018, full details are on both parish websites.

Churches Together in Warwick

Living Advent Calendar - see our websites for details of these free live performance each day at 24 different venues across the district.

Sat 16 Dec Nativity Live! In the Market Square 1.30pm. It is a lovely event so do join in and swell the singing.

St Charles Borromeo Cemetery

If any anyone from either parish wishes to purchase a burial or cremation plot at St Charles Borromeo Cemetery or would like any information please contact John Yarnold Tel. 01926 493715 email je@yarnolds.co.uk

Christmas Lunch on Mon 18 December Fr Patrick would like to invite parishioners from both parishes to join him at St Mary's for Mass at 11.30 followed by Christmas Lunch in the parish hall. The SVP will be happy to provide lifts for those who require transport. Booking forms are available at the back of the church.

St Mary's Collegiate Church Christmas

Tree Festival is open until the 10th December. Please do visit to see the many wonderful trees on display.

NOTICES - ST MARY IMMACULATE (stmary-immaculate.org.uk)

Counters 3 Dec group 4, 10 Dec group 5.

Readers 3 Dec Philip Batt, Ignacio Gomez.
10 Dec Liz Weston, Robert Gargan.

Last Week's Offertory £506.90, of which £253.50 was gift aid. Catholic Youth Service £283.30, of which £140.54 was gift aid.

Calling All Budding Readers

There is a meeting for all current readers and anyone who would like to join our reading team on Tue 5 Dec at 7.30pm in the Martyrs' Room. We would also like to encourage new readers as well, including confident young readers in Year 5 and above.

Sick and Housebound Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish at home or in the hospitals/ hospice and especially for Steve Amos, June Amos, Sylvia Barrow,

Vianney Mission for Priests Saturday 02 Dec at 7-8pm in the Martyrs' Room. All are welcome to join the Vianney Mission Ministry members in Adoration and special prayers to be offered for our Parish Priest Fr Patrick Mileham.

Kenilworth Catenians is a well-established and lively association of practising Catholic men from the Kenilworth and Warwick area. Our black-tie Christmas dinner will take place at the Chesford Grange Hotel on Wed Dec 20 at 7.30pm. New members welcome, contact Dave Prescott on 499683.

Parish Bereavement Group Given the positive feedback from the recent parish requiem, Fr Patrick would like to create a group who would help with funerals and caring for bereaved families. Any offers of help and ideas will be appreciated, please let Fr Patrick know.

Philip Batt, Len Briggs, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary Crony, Barbara Cullinan, Ann Downes, Edith Durkin, John Fitzpatrick, Wendy Fitzpatrick, Graham Hardwick, Peter Harrison, Mary Houston, Barbara Ivings, Susan James, Roger James, Christina Kelly, Vera Maguire, Miss McLaughlin, Sheila Millard, Florence Murphy, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Rebecca Power, Mrs Richardson, and Betty Walters.

Additional Organist Required every other Saturday and occasionally on Sunday at St Mary's. Please talk to Fr Patrick if you, or anyone you know would be willing to help.

Traidcraft the stall will be open on 16/17 December.

50/50 Club Winners Mr C. Nichols £20,
Mr P. Harris £20, Mrs I. Buckingham £20.
Mrs D Richardson £30 (from last month).
Please collect your cheque from the office.

St Mary Immaculate School Christmas

Fair Saturday 16th December 11am - 1pm at
St Mary Immaculate Primary School, Wathen
Road. With lots of festive cheer, stalls, gifts,
bargains, games, delicious refreshments and
cakes and of course a visit from Santa - you
don't want to miss it! Please do join us on the
day, and if you have any donations for the
fair then please pass on to Chrissie
Beaumont, or via Fr Patrick.

Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

In preparation for a new rota January -
March 2018, can all Eucharistic Ministers
please let us know which Mass they will be
attending on a regular basis. Ministers from
St Charles Borromeo who now attend Mass
at St Mary Immaculate are welcome to join
the rota. Contact Helen Connor on 01926
493587 or email Helenconnor1@aol.com.

Flower Arranging Class

the last session is
Fri 8 Dec 6pm. Valarie will demonstrate a
Christmas table top arrangement and a door
knocker. Please bring a pot, holly, ivy,
spruce, baubles, cones, tinsels, etc.
(anything Christmas) and a metal coat
hanger for the door knocker.
We are also having a small party. If you can,
please bring a few tit bits.

NOTICES - ST CHARLES BORROMEO (stcharles-borromeo.org.uk)

Counters Required Urgently

We now have too few counters to enable us
to count the collection on a weekly basis.
Please do consider helping with this
important job for the Parish, the more people
that come forward, the less frequent the
duties will be. Contact Fr Patrick or the office
please.

Last Week's Offertory Standing orders
£247, no other figures as yet, see above.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 10th
December 4pm

Bible Study Mondays at 7.15 p.m.

The Sick and Housebound

Your prayers
are asked for all the sick, especially Cathy
Armstrong, John Brown, Assuero BuRicchi,
Maureen Cully, Ann Gunthorpe, Aidan Harris
(9 yrs old), Alan King, Joan Mundy, Joyce
Shuttler, Anita Williams, Christine Underhill
and Janina Woods.

St Charles Tote a monthly draw with cash
prizes. Subscription is £2 per week. Please
consider joining and talk to Nina Woods
before or after Sunday Mass.

Fr Patrick's Induction

Thank you to the organisers and contributors
for making this such a lovely and special
occasion, well done!

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New to the Parish?

If you wish to be on our database, please add your details below and hand to Fr Patrick:

Name:.....

email:.....Tel:.....

Which parish do you wish to be included in: Warwick / Hampton on the Hill.