

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

Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2017



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MASS TIMES

'Console my people, console them'



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 10	Advent II	11am Michael John Murphy RIP 6pm Reception of Evelyn Philomena O'Neill	9am Sarah Campbell RIP 4pm Carols by Candlelight
Mon 11	St Damasus I	10am Requiem Mass Philomena O'Neill	No Mass
Tue 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	6pm Holy Hour and Mass Maureen Reeves	9.30am Dennis Stanley RIP
Wed 13	St Lucy	2.30pm (in school) Lobo family	12pm Zofia Heathcock RIP
Thu 14	St John of the Cross	12pm Mike Anderson RIP	No Mass
Fri 16	Advent feria	9.30am Margaret & Frank Cunningham	10am Holy Souls
Sat 17	Advent feria	11am Holy Hour 6pm (Vigil) Sheila & Ambrose Schillizi	10am Holy Souls
Sun 18	Advent III Gaudete Sunday	11am Phil O'Neil	9am Patrick Campbell RIP
	Confession	5pm (Sat)	10.30 (Sat)

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it's about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Today we have a very graphic reference to the end of time and the Second Coming in the reading from Saint Peter; it is a frightening picture, and so the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.



GENERAL NOTICES

Second Collection today for the Poor Parishes fund, 17 Dec Christmas Flowers.

Monday 11 December at 7pm in the Martyrs' Room at St Mary Immaculate.

Confirmations 2018 For children in years 5 or 6. The first meeting is on this coming

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

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.

Friends of the Holy Land Thank you very much for the welcome given by Fr Patrick to Friends of the Holy Land when we made an appeal over the week-end of 25/26th November. The response was very generous. Including the Gift Aid and donations made after the week-end, the total donated was over £1513. This wonderful

amount will enable us to provide support to two of the neediest Christian families in the Holy Land for a year. Your Parish's support is greatly appreciated by those who receive help from FHL. Thanks again to all who contributed to this generous collection.

Christmas Giving Tree We are collecting new items over the next 2 weeks to give to the Leamington night shelter which will be distributed to homeless and vulnerable on Christmas Eve. People can select a gift tag from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap it and place under the tree in St Mary Immaculate church. Items required include gloves, socks, boxer shorts, disposable razors, toothbrush and toothpaste, woolly hat, jogging bottoms. New items only please.

Christmas Food Bank When you are shopping during Advent please remember the needy and perhaps purchase an additional non-perishable food item and place it in the Food Bank collections which are in the supermarkets.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
6pm & 9pm St Mary's. Midnight St Charles'
Christmas Day
9am St Charles'. 11am St Mary's

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

Counters 10 Dec group 6, 17 Dec group 5.

Readers 10 Dec Liz Weston, Robert Gargan. 17 Dec Margaret Zetland, Jude Raper.

Last Week's Offertory £573.09, of which £314.00 was gift aid. The collection for the SVP raised £432.18.

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, Philip Batt, Len Briggs, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary Croney, 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 after all Masses next weekend.

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, of course a visit from Santa and AMAZING raffle prizes including a Driving Experience at Silverstone (worth £199), £100 Saxon Mill Voucher and

£120 RSC voucher to name just a few- 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 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.

Parish Magazine is due for delivery this week; however, we don't have anyone to deliver in the Millbank and Forbes Estate areas. Please let us know if you can help.

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

Counters Thanks for your great response to the appeal for help, we now have eight new counters.

Last Week's Offertory 26 Nov, £144.90 (of which £93 was gift aid). Catholic Youth Service - £124.65 (of which £37.50 was gift aid).
3 Dec, £182.90 (of which £90.50 was gift aid). Weekly standing orders £247.

Carols by Candlelight Today at 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.

Lately Dead Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Stanley who has died recently.

New to the Parish?

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

Name:.....

Address:.....

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

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