

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**

GAUDETE SUNDAY

**17 December 2017**



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# MASS TIMES

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.



		<b>St Mary Immaculate</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
Sun 17	<b>Advent III</b> <del>Gaudete Sunday</del>	6pm (Sat) <i>Sheila &amp; Ambrose Schillizi</i> 11am <i>Phil O'Neil</i>	9am <i>Patrick Campbell RIP</i>
Mon 18	Advent Feria	11.30am <i>Philomena O'Neil</i>	10.00 John O'Shea RIP
Tue 19	Advent Feria	6pm Holy Hour and Mass <i>Denis Coleman</i> <b>Confessions at St Peter's Leamington 9am-8pm</b>	10.00 Holy Souls
Wed 20	Advent Feria	2.30pm (in school) <i>Mary &amp; Emma Jones</i>	12pm PMF Intentions
Thu 21	St Peter Canisius	12pm <i>Pat McCall</i>	No Mass
Fri 22	Advent Feria	12pm Requiem Mass <i>Sylvia Barrow</i> 7pm Holy Hour with Confessions	10am Underhill Intention
Sat 23	St John of Kanty	6pm (Vigil) <i>Rita Sharpe Ints.</i>	10am PMF Intentions
Sun 24	<b>Advent IV</b>	11am <i>Sylvia Barrow RIP</i>	9am Pat McCall RIP
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6pm Vigil Mass <i>Eileen and Bert Hallows</i> 9pm Midnight Mass ( <b>Preceded by Carols from 8.30</b> )	
Mon 25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	11am Day Mass	12am Midnight Mass 9am Dawn Mass
	<b>Confession</b>	<b>5pm (Sat)</b>	<b>10.30 (Sat)</b>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

So, who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the anointed one (Messiah in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: God has called you, and he will not fail you. This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus



# GENERAL NOTICES

**Second Collection** today for Christmas Flowers.

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

## **Churches Together in Warwick**

Living Advent Calendar - see parish & CTW websites for details & pictures of these free live performances each day at 24 different venues across the district. Its turning out to be great fun and all the events have been very different. 15 Dec St Charles Borromeo 12 noon, 18 Dec St Mary Immaculate 11am.

## **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](mailto: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.

**Christmas Giving Tree** We are collecting new items 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, then

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

**Archdiocese Year Books** are available at the back of both churches at £5 per copy.

**Confessions** There will be Confessions all day on Tuesday (19 Dec) from 9am to 8pm at St Peter's in Leamington Spa. Fr Patrick will also hear Confessions on Friday (22 Dec) evening, 7-8pm.

**Lately Dead** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Barrow and Denis Stanley who have died recently.

## **Confirmation Programme**

The Confirmation course starts on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January with a session at 10am. If you did not attend the recent meeting, please will you email the parish office to confirm that your child will be attending.

## NOTICES - ST MARY IMMACULATE ([stmary-immaculate.org.uk](http://stmary-immaculate.org.uk))

**Counters** 17 Dec group 5. 24 Dec group 1.

**Readers** 17 Dec Margaret Zetland, Robert Gargan. 24 Dec John Connor, Mark Booth.

**Last Week's Offertory** Information available next week.

**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 this weekend.

**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, 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.

**Parish Magazine** help is needed to deliver in the Millbank and Forbes Estate areas.

## NOTICES – ST CHARLES BORROMEO ([stcharles-borromeo.org.uk](http://stcharles-borromeo.org.uk))

**Last Week's Offertory** 10 Dec, £30.13 (of which £25 was gift aid). Weekly standing orders £247. Poor Parishes Fund £12 (of which £12 was gift aid).

**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, talk to Nina Woods before or after Sunday Mass.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, due to an increased attendance and the selling of raffle tickets we have made a profit this year of £114.

**Christmas Cleaning** will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 1.30 – 3.30pm. If you can spare an hour or two please pop along many hands make light work.

All materials provided, any questions please see Karen or Clare. Tea and Cake for those that do come along with a happy glow.

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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:.....

Address:.....

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

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