

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

**Second Sunday of Advent
9 December 2018**



Caravaggio: St John the Baptist in the Wilderness 1604-05, Kansas City

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MASS TIMES



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 9	Second Sunday of Advent	6pm (Sat) <i>Wellington Spada</i> 11am <i>Joseph O'Hagan</i> 5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>John Brown RIP</i> <i>Margaret Murphy RIP</i>
Mon 10	Advent feria	No Mass	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Tues 11	Advent feria	9.30am <i>Len Briggs</i>	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Wed 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		12pm <i>Underhill Ints.</i>
Thur 13	St Lucy	12pm <i>PMF Ints.</i>	
Fri 14	St John of the Cross	9am (at Trinity School)	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Sat 15	Advent feria	5.30pm Rosary 6pm <i>Desmond Connell</i>	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Sun 16	Third Sunday of Advent <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	11am <i>Recovery</i> 5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
	Confessions	5pm (Sat)	10.30am (Sat)

Mass: Advent 2C, Advent Preface, EP for Reconciliation II, Mem. Acc.1

Psalter Week 2

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Again we hear about the coming Day of Christ, and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



GENERAL NOTICES

Second Collections 9 Dec Poor Parishes

School Carol Service: The primary school is having a Carol Service on Thurs 21 December at 2.15pm. All welcome

Advent Live Simply Soup Lunches this Thursday after mid-day Mass (suggested donation £1). The proceeds will be donated to the Emmaus charity

Foodbank 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. We also have a box in the Martyrs' Room at St Mary Immaculate. Produce will be taken on Thurs 13 Dec

St Mary Immaculate Christmas Fair Sat 15 Dec 11am - 1pm at St Mary Immaculate Primary School, Wathen Road. With lots of festive cheer, stalls, gifts, bargains, games, delicious refreshments and cakes, amazing raffle prizes 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 do so via Fr Patrick.

Churches Together in Leamington Walk
Newbold Comyn and Christmas Lunch on Sat 15th Dec 9.45 for 10am start. See the posters in both Churches.

Confessions: There will be Confessions as usual at 5pm and also after the 6pm Mass on 22 Dec, 4 priests will be present

Craft Sale: on Sun 16 & 23 December after Mass in both churches

Christmas Mass times: 24 Dec: 6pm & 9pm (Warwick) 25 Dec: 12 midnight & 9am (Hampton on the Hill), 11am (Warwick)
There will be carols half an hour before the two night Masses; 9pm & 12am

First Holy Communion Programme the initial meeting for candidates and parents has happened. There are 22 candidates which is the largest group that the parish has had for some time, thank you to all for attending. If you know of anyone who wants to join the group but missed the first meeting, please get in touch with the office or Fr Patrick ASAP.

Altar Servers: Mass on St Stephen's Day (26 Dec, Boxing Day) will be at 10am & especially for all servers of both parishes. During Mass medals will be given to those who have served for more than one year.

Altar Servers' Trip: The new date for the London trip is Sat 12 Jan – please let Fr Patrick know if you wish to come.

Christmas Pantomime 'Toad of Warwick Hall' in St Mary's parish hall Sun 16 Dec at 2.30 (£10) and 7pm (£15). See the poster in church. Tickets available from The Old Post Office Pub, Warwick Books, Torry's & Peeli.

Operation Christmas Child thank you to all who donated filled boxes, there was a total of 44 boxes collected between both parishes.

Recycle4Charity collects empty ink cartridges and old mobile phones. There is a collection box at the back of each church.

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Readers 8/9 Dec Darren Yam & Elizabeth Anderson, Emma Van der Schalk & Rachel Walton. 15/16 Dec John Bell & Andy Staley. Alex Mellon & Robert Gargan.

Offertory £653.40 of which £347.10 was gift aid. SVP £406.13.

Sanctuary and Chapel Candles can be burned for any intention (£10).

Counters 9 Dec group 4. 16 Dec group 5.

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 & June Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Bridie Davies, Elizabeth Coleman, Anne Downes, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Graham Hardwick, Barbara Ivings, Catherine McCarthy, Kathleen O'Connor, Bernadette Narain, Agnes Pauling, Dorothy Richardson, Peter Schmidt, Betty Walters, Win Wigner.

Christmas flowers: Please bring a poinsettia to church over the next 2 weekends, they will form the bulk of the floral decoration over the Christmas season, the more the better!

St Mary's Christmas Lunch Tues 18 Dec all welcome. Please complete one of the

forms at the back of the church and place in the box **today (Sunday) is the last day to sign up.**

Parish Activities There is a list of forthcoming and new activities on the notice board. We are hoping that these will be well supported and the list will continue to grow.

Advent Giving Tree The Justice and Peace group invite you to take a tag from the Tree in St Mary's porch and donate a gift for a homeless person this Christmas. The items on the tags include clothing such as warm socks, gloves, hat, sleeping bag, rucksack etc. Please donate new items only and place under the tree with the gift-tag attached. These will be taken to the Leamington Winter Night-Shelter after the 4th Sunday of Advent.

NOTICES – ST CHARLES BORROMEO stcharles-borromeo.org.uk

Counters 9 Dec Angela Everitt & Karen/Bernard. 16 Dec Teresa Unitt & Mary McGrath.

Readers 9 Dec Bernard Baxter & Clare Mayer. 16 Dec Richard Blundell & Angela Everitt.

Offertory 2 Dec £125.50 of which £75.50 was gift aid. Catholic Youth Service £25.

Sick and Housebound Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish at home or in the hospitals/hospice and especially for Aidan Harris, Christina McClean, Gordon McClean, Catherine Parker, Christine Underhill.

Bible Study Mondays at 7.15 looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians

St Charles Tote a monthly draw with cash prizes. Subscription is £2 per month. To join please see Nina Wood.

Advent Giving Tree Helping the Homeless. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return your gift unwrapped to the Christmas Gift Box at the back of the Church. Your Gifts will be taken to 'Shelter' at Christmas.

Church Cleaning for Christmas Could you spare an hour or two to make the church gleam this Christmas. If you can help we will be meeting at 10:30- 12:30on Mon 17 Dec. Any time you can give will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Carol Service today 9 Dec at 4 pm, all welcome. Money raised at the carol service will go to Friends of the Holy Land to help pay for a child to be educated at the Rosary School in Bethlehem.

Live Simply Allotment We need further help so please add your name to the sheet. Also, we are looking for planks and screws to make the raised beds. Please talk to Clare Mayer or Angela Everitt or contact the Parish Office.

Live simply tip – December: Recycle all the boxes & wrapping paper from your Christmas presents. Many charities will take your old Christmas cards