

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

**First Sunday of Advent  
1 December 2019**



*Raphael: detail of the Prophet Isaiah (fresco) 1512 Basilica di Sant' Agostino, Rome*

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**Office open 10am – 3pm Friday only this week.**

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# MASS TIMES



|       |                                | <b>St Mary Immaculate</b>   | <b>St Charles Borromeo</b>   |
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| Sun 1 | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  | 6pm (Sat) <i>in thanks</i><br>11am <i>Doris Hall RIP</i>  | 9am <i>Pro Populo</i><br><i>Bob Burdette RIP.</i>                      |
| Mon 2 | Advent feria                   | No Mass   | 10am<br><i>Sarah Campbell RIP</i>                                      |
| Tue 3 | St Francis Xavier              | 7pm <i>Winifred Granger</i>   | 10am <i>Private Int.</i>   |
| Wed 4 | St John Damascene              | 9.15am <i>Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller</i><br>(Trinity School)  | 12pm <i>Private Int.</i>   |
| Thu 5 | St Birinus                     | 12pm <i>Private Int.</i>  |  |
| Fri 6 | St Nicholas                    | 9.30am <i>Doris Tugwell</i><br><br><b>6pm Holy Hour</b><br><i>Vespers &amp; Benediction at 6.30</i> | 10am <i>Private Int.</i><br>Morning Prayer and<br>Benediction 9.30 am. |
| Sat 7 | St Ambrose                     | 6pm <i>Jeffers family RIP</i>   | 10am <i>Private Int.</i>   |
| Sun 8 | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> | 11am <i>Steve Darlison</i>  | 9am <i>Holy Souls</i><br><i>Pro Populo</i>                             |
|       | <b>CONFESSIONS</b>             | <b>5PM (SAT)</b>  | <b>10.30AM (SAT)</b>   |

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent opens with a great promise: 'In the days to come' - the hope of a people who need God. '...The master is coming' is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So 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 stay awake, and 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 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

**2nd Collections** 1 Dec SVP (both parishes).  
8 Dec Poor Parishes. 15 Dec Christmas  
Flowers.

**Encounter Youth Event** 6 Dec 6.30-9pm @  
St Peter's church hall Leamington. An  
evening of pizza, prayer and praise for young  
people. This month Fr Patrick will be leading  
our theme on the Armour of God (Ephesians  
6:10-18). For more details contact Emma at  
[catholicyouth7@gmail.com](mailto:catholicyouth7@gmail.com)

## **Churches Together in Warwick**

Sat 7 Dec Prayer B'fast at St Paul's 7.30am  
Sat 7 & 21 Dec HOTS in the Market Place  
10-12 Sat 21 Dec Nativity Live! 1.30pm in  
the Market Square, a delightful,  
prayerful event for all ages.

**Book Club:** *Catch 22* by Joseph Heller. Next  
meeting Mon 20 Jan 7.30pm

**Jazz Night** Fri 13 Dec, 7pm St Mary  
Immaculate parish hall. 5-piece band, chip  
supper, bring own drinks. £10 in advance  
(child £5), £12 on the night (child £7).

**Live Simply Recycling** in addition to crisp  
packets, please bring your worn-out tooth  
brushes/brush heads, empty toothpaste  
tubes and cartons to the recycling box in  
church.

**First Holy Communion Parents:** there will  
be a meeting on Sat 7 Dec in the Martyrs'  
room at 5.30pm.

**Bambinelli Sunday** A Roman tradition is  
that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete  
Sunday) is also *Bambinelli Sunday*. children  
bring their figure of Baby Jesus (known in  
Italy as Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes  
to St. Peter's square to be blessed by the  
Pope. As part of the Year of the Word, the  
children are invited to participate by bringing  
their baby Jesus figurines to church on 14/15  
Dec when they will be blessed.

**St Charles' Christmas Lunch** Wed 18 Dec  
12.30 at Warwick Arms Hotel. There are  
booking/menu forms at the back of church,

please post in the box provided by this Sun 1  
Dec. All welcome.

**St Mary's Christmas Lunch** Tues 17 Dec  
12pm in the Parish Hall. There are no sign-  
up sheets this year, please use the booking  
forms at the back of church. Places limited to  
60, booking deadline 8 Dec.

**Volunteers are required** to help with  
setting-up and serving, please contact  
Lorraine [lolhughes@hotmail.com](mailto:lolhughes@hotmail.com) 07838 961  
266.

**School Christmas Fair** - Sat 14 Dec 11am -  
1pm. Join us for lots of festive fun, delicious  
refreshments, fabulous prizes and fun &  
games. If you would like to donate any  
bottles or prizes then please leave them at  
the parish office or give them to Chrissie  
Beaumont.

**Christmas Craft Sale** in the Martyrs' Room  
after the 11am Mass. Come and browse for  
your Christmas gifts.

**Advent Soup Lunches** in the Martyrs' room  
on Thursdays 5, 12, 19 Dec, after mid-day  
Mass. A £1 donation is suggested which will  
go to a local charity.

**Advent 'Walk With Me'** booklets and  
calendars are available at the back of  
church.

**Poinsettias:** Please bring in a poinsettia  
during the Advent Season, they will be used  
as part of the Christmas decorations. You  
can donate one in memory of a loved one.

**Christmas Wreath Making** Sun 15 Dec  
4pm at St Mary's Parish Hall. Would you like  
to create your own Christmas Wreath but  
wouldn't know where to begin? Then join us  
as we show you how!  
Booking forms are available at all masses  
this weekend. Places are limited so book up  
quickly!

**Warwick Town Christmas Day Lunch** for  
anyone who would be otherwise alone, see  
poster in church.

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| Counters          | Dec group 4. 8 Dec group 5.   | Dec Teresa Unitt & Clare Mayer. 8 Dec Angela Everitt & Karen Baxter.   |
| Offertory         | £414.89 (£216.00 gift aid). Catholic Youth Service £287.99 of (£153.31 gift aid).   | £198.72 (£75 gift aid). Weekly standing orders £247. Catholic Youth Service £81.30 (£15 gift aid).   |
| Readers           | 30 Nov/1 Dec: Rebecca Teall & Elizabeth Anderson. Mark Booth & Emma van der Schalk.<br>8 Dec: Claire McLarnon & John Connor. John Grant & Alex Mellon.  | 1 Dec: Damien & Anne-Marie Convey.<br>8 Dec: Richard Blundell & Angela Everitt.  |
| Coffee            | Every Sunday in the parish hall after the 11am Mass   | On the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, in the hall after Mass. For this month only it will be on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 Dec.  |
| Sick & Housebound | Steve & June Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Christopher Browne. Elizabeth Coleman, Barbara Cullinan, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Graham Hardwick, Susan and Roger James, Catherine McCarthy, Liam McLaughlin, Christina and Gordon McClean, Sheila Millard, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Dorothy Richardson, Sam Rosam, Peter Schmidt, Betty Walters, Elizabeth Weston, Win Wigner. | Aidan Harris, Charles Ludford, Catherine Parker, Christine Underhill, Janina Woods.<br><br><i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice</i>   |
| Other             | <b><u>7 day Sanctuary and Chapel Candles</u></b> can be devoted to any intention (£10)<br><br><b><u>Foodbank Collection</u></b> we are invited to donate food items during Advent, collection boxes are in the Martyrs' room. Tea, coffee & Christmas treats especially welcome.  | <b><u>St Charles Tote</u></b> a monthly draw with cash prizes. Subscription is £2 per month. To join please see Nina Woods<br><br><b><u>Red Boxes</u></b> Please return APF Mission Boxes to St Charles asap.<br><br><b><u>Bible Study</u></b> Mondays 7.15. Continuing with St John's Gospel. |

Safeguarding Coordinators: Julia Fitzsimons (St Mary) Suzie Vogiaridis (St Charles).  
Health & Safety Coordinators: John Bell (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)  
Primary School Head: Robert Gargan. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.