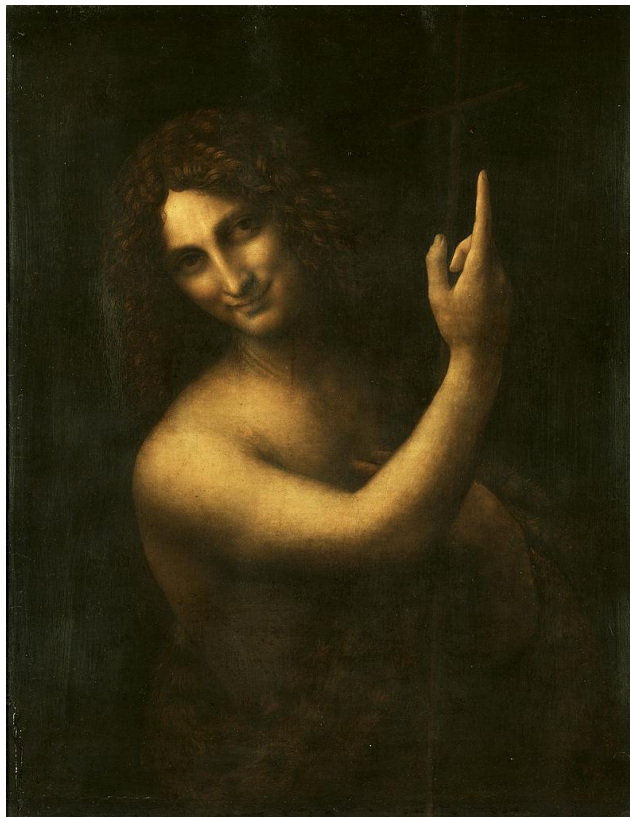


ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK
ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 2019**



Leonardo da Vinci: St John the Baptist 1513-16 Louvre, Paris

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MASS TIMES



| | | St Mary Immaculate | St Charles Borromeo |
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| Sun 8 | Second Sunday of Advent | 6pm (Sat) <i>Jeffers family RIP</i> 11am <i>Steve Darlison</i> | 9am <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Mon 9 | Immaculate Conception | 9.30am | 9.30am <i>Private Int.</i> |
| Tue 10 | St Edmund Jennings | 9.30am | 9.45am <i>Private Int.</i> |
| Wed 11 | St Damasus I | 9.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> (Trinity School) | 12pm <i>Underhill Int.</i> |
| Thu 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 9.30am (in primary school) 12pm <i>Private Int.</i> | |
| Fri 13 | St Lucy | 9.30am <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Holy Hour <i>Vespers & Benediction at 6.30</i> | 10am <i>Private Int.</i> |
| Sat 14 | St John of the Cross | | 10am <i>Private Int.</i> |
| | | 6pm <i>Mr Paddy Mulvey RIP</i> | |
| Sun 15 | Third Sunday of Advent <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> | 11am <i>Pro Populo</i> | 9am <i>Richard Kent.</i> <i>Private Int.</i> |
| | CONFESSIONS | 5PM (SAT) | 10.30AM (SAT) |

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas. If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him.

GENERAL NOTICES

2nd Collections 8 Dec Poor Parishes. 15

Churches Together in Warwick Sat 21 Dec
HOTS in the Market Place 10-12. 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.

Live Simply parish project - Would you like
to help us to respond to some of the issues
that surround us at present such as
homelessness, poverty & climate change?
We will be meeting on the 2nd Weds of each
month. Our next meeting is Weds 11 Dec at
7pm in the Martyrs' room. Everyone
welcome. Contact Liz 0776 122 3502 for
more information

Bambinelli Sunday 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.

Day of Confession: 9am to 8pm on Tue 17
Dec at St Peter's, Leamington Spa

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 Loraine
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.

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

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.

Friends of St Mary Immaculate Recipe Book is
a delicious collection from around the world
(including one of Fr Patrick's favourites from
Rome!) A wonderful keepsake, a yummy
collection of recipes to try and the perfect gift
for family or friends. To order a copy, please
complete an order form from the back of
church and return it, along with £8 per book,
to the parish office by Mon 16 Dec. There is
a copy in the parish office if you want to have
a look at it.

Justice and Peace Giving Tree please take
a tag from the Giving Tree at the back of
Church and bring the wrapped item back to
Church with tag attached. There will be a box
available to put your gifts in. All items will be
given to the Leamington Night Shelter.

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| Counters | Dec group 8 Dec group 5. Dec 15 group 6. | 8 Dec Angela Everitt & Karen Baxter. 15 Dec Teresa Unitt & Claire King. |
| Offertory | £428.03 (£226.75 gift aid). SVP £299.40. | £232 (£128 gift aid). Weekly standing orders £247. SVP £68.10. |
| Readers | 7/8 Dec Claire McLarnon & John Connor. John Grant & Alex Mellon. 14/15 Dec Ann O'Flanagan & Phillip Batt. Robert Gargan & Alex Mellon. | 8 Dec Richard Blundell & Angela Everitt. 15 Dec Bernard Baxter & Michael Mahoney. |
| Coffee | Every Sunday in the parish hall after the 11am Mass | On the 3 rd Sunday of the month, in the hall after Mass. Also today, 8 th December |
| Sick & Housebound | Steve & June Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Christopher Browne. Elizabeth Coleman, Barbara Cullinan, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Mrs Maureen Guly, 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. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice</i> |
| Other | <u>7 day Sanctuary and Chapel Candles</u> can be devoted to any intention (£10) <u>Foodbank Collection</u> we are invited to donate food items during Advent, collection boxes are in the Martyrs' room. Tea, coffee & Christmas treats especially welcome. | <u>St Charles Tote</u> a monthly draw with cash prizes. Subscription is £2 per month. To join please see Nina Woods <u>St Charles Christmas Church Cleaning</u> We will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas on Thursday 19th at 12-30. If anyone can spare an hour to make this a special occasion with mince pie & coffee please come along. <u>Bible Study</u> 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.