

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

Second Sunday of Advent
6 December 2020



Mattia Preti, *St. John the Baptist Preaching (detail)* 1667 Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

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MASS TIMES



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 6	Second Sunday of Advent	6pm (Sat) <i>Holy Souls (Grant)</i> 11am <i>Olga family ints.</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon 7	St Ambrose	10am <i>the Thomas family</i>	9am <i>PMF ints.</i>
Tue 8	Immaculate Conception	10am <i>dec'd of Parkinson & McHugh family</i>	10am <i>PMF ints.</i>
Wed 9	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	10am. <i>Margaret & Frank Cunningham</i>	12pm <i>PMF ints.</i>
Thu 10	Our Lady of Loreto		12pm <i>PMF ints.</i>
Fri 11	St Damasus I	10am <i>dec'd leaders & Scouts of 3rd Warwick St Pius X RIP</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	6pm <i>Mr William Carr</i>	11-12 Holy Hour 12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Sun 13	Third Sunday of Advent	11am <i>Renee Oldham RIP</i>	9am <i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass is Livestreamed at St Mary Immaculate

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

Safeguarding: Please see parish website for link to the Bishops' Conference statement following the IICSA report.

Poor Mission Fund: The Archbishop wants to draw your attention to the second collection for poor parishes due on 6 Dec. Please give online via the diocesan website <https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8>

Resumption of Public Worship: Mass will resume in both parishes on Wednesday. *Booking only needed for Sunday Mass* (incl. Sat 6pm). Please book online or by telephone. Bookings open at 12pm on Mon and close at 12pm on Sat. If the Mass is advertised in **bold & in purple** then it's a public Mass. **WEAR YOUR THERMALS!**

Poinsettias: St Mary's – please bring a poinsettia over the next couple of weeks for the church's Christmas decorations

Mass at Christmas

Christmas Eve:

4.30pm (St Mary's Collegiate)

7.30pm (St Mary Immaculate)

12am (St Charles Borromeo)

Christmas Day

9am (St Charles Borromeo)

11am (St Mary Immaculate)

If stewards are available, Fr Patrick is hoping to have a public Mass every day for the 12 days of Christmas so people can avail themselves of one as their Christmas Mass if they wish

New Treasurer at St Mary's: Helen Granger has taken over as parish treasurer as Philip Bat is no longer able to do it due to his health. On behalf of the parish I'd like to thank Philip for all his hard work over the past 5 years and to thank Helen for taking on the task. Fr Patrick

Carol Service: A Carol service is being planned for 7.30pm on Thurs 17 Dec at the Racecourse. Please bring a lantern & some mulled wine or whatever you want in a flask. Parking is free there in December.

Church opening: St Mary's will be open during daylight hours from now on. Please use the sanitizing equipment to wipe where you have sat. Alternatively, bring your own wipes. There will also be labels available to put where you have sat so that stewards know where to clean.

Friends of St Mary Immaculate Raffle

Books of tickets are available at the back of church - please help yourself! Ticket stubs and money can be dropped through the presbytery door in a clearly marked envelope. There are loads of great prizes including show tickets, vouchers, alcohol, beauty sets, chocolate and much more!

Operation Christmas Child: The boxes will be collected after the 11am Mass next Sunday.

Advent Giving Tree St Marys:

Please choose an item from the list and bring gift UNWRAPPED for the homeless.

Advent Giving Tree St Charles:

[click here for the a calendar with suggested gifts](#), or www.lwsnightshelter.org/shopping-list. Please give whatever you wish, leave your gift UNWRAPPED in the box at the back of Church or in the Porch at the side of the presbytery. Contact claremaver1@gmail.com or mcgrathmary@me.com

Recently Dead: Anne Galvin RIP

CAFOD World Gifts CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic & lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters & brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family & friends. cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Red Boxes: If you are a parishioner at St Charles, please return any full boxes to the Presbytery at Hampton. Thanks.

	St Mary Immaculate stmary-immaculate.org.uk	St Charles Borromeo stcharles-borromeo.org.uk
Offertory during Sept and Oct	Envelopes and cash donations £6,719. PayPal donations £1,088	Donations received since Lockdown began - £1,645
Average Weekly Standing orders	£256	£247
Sick & Housebound	June Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Christopher Browne. Elizabeth Coleman, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Graham Hardwick, Eva Hyland, Susan James, Paul Kerr, Catherine McCarthy, Liam McLaughlin, Christina McClean, Sheila Millard, Bernadette & Philippe Narain, Chris Nichols, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Sam Rosam, Peter Schmidt, Arlene Slinn, Margaret Thornton, Ron Thumbwood, Betty Walters, Elizabeth Weston, Win Wigner.	Aidan Harris, Monica Hermolle, Catherine Parker, Christine Underhill, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice</i>
Draw	200 Club <i>Next draw 21 Dec</i>	St Charles Tote £2 per month. Please check that subscription is up to date. Nina Woods. ibwoods479@btinternet.com
7 Day Candles	Sanctuary: Pope's intention for November: Artificial Intelligence: that it may always serve humankind	FHL int. for October: Pilgrims visiting the Holy Land.
Recent large Expenditure	New toilet £5000 Webcam £2500 New lighting <i>Manufacture: £20,000</i> <i>Installation: £13,000</i> Car Park Wall repair: £16,000	Outside plinth £12,500 Presbytery roof £3000 All donations gratefully received!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Immaculate Conception: 8 December

The Patronal Feast of St Mary Immaculate, Warwick. Warwick is one of the earliest churches in the country (1860) to have this dedication after the Dogma was proclaimed in 1854.

People often confuse the Immaculate Conception with the Virgin Birth. The icon of St Joachim & St Anne reminds us that it refers to Mary being conceived without Original Sin in the womb of her mother, St Anne. We celebrate her birthday 9 months later, on 8 September.

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