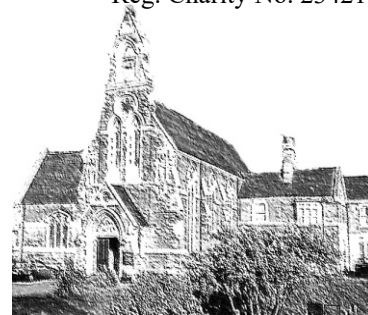


# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C



### Today we pray for...

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Father Petroc Howell – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	4.30pm	Carol Service – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Marian Cowden - <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
	2.00pm	School Carol Service – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Mass</i>	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	– <i>Mass at St. Joseph's School</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Sean&Sarah McGrillen& family – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart School</i>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>School Carol Service – <i>at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	10.00am	Mary Harbutt – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service - <i>at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30pm	Rachel Jackson – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Alice Redmond – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mary Joyce – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>tba – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Christmas Eve	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>
Vigil for Christmas	7.30pm	Philomena Kennedy & family – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Patrick McCarron – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Christmas Day		
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Servers Mass – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
St. Stephen's Day		



*Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our Parish, especially...*

Bethany Kerr, Rose McLoughlin, Shirley Davis,  
Diane Donaghue, Violet,  
Frank Lowry and James McLaughlin.

### Parish Groups

Wed 12pm AA Group  
Fri 12.15 'Come as you are' Prayer Group  
7pm Church Cleaning (*Last Friday of month*)

### Daily Exposition at Sacred Heart

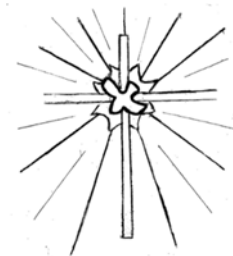
In these days of political and economic uncertainty, it is important that all Catholics are praying for our country. Come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament any time between 10am – 5pm usually in the undercroft, or between 8pm – midnight usually in the Presbytery, 85 Prestbury Road.

### Come as You Are

#### **Praise and Worship Prayer Meeting 12.15pm**

Meets every Friday in the Community Room at St. Joseph's church, followed by soup and bread.

The meeting is preceded by a Eucharistic Service in the community room at 11.45am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



### Weekly Collections

The collections for last weekend were:

First - £151.47

Gift Aid - £9.00

**TOTAL - £160.47**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Poor Parishes - £51.65

### Second Saturday Convention

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW (including Rosary procession, Mass, Confession, talks, spiritual sharing, worship and Eucharistic Adoration).

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart: 7.30pm Vigil Mass

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day – Sacred Heart 10.00am



### Aston/Nechells Foodbank

The foodbank is currently short of toiletries and would be grateful for donations. They are also looking for volunteers. See notice on board in Church or [www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk)

### English Prayer Time

You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. Please check with Sister Meena on 07957 342742

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Order of Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 3rd May – Thursday 9th May 2019. The Order subsidises sick, disabled and older pilgrims. Please see notice in Church for details.

### St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar/Christmas Plays

This year the Bazaar is taking a different form. You are invited to attend the Christmas Assemblies at St. Joseph's School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. At these there will be the kitchen equipment sales plus raffles in aid of the Church. The sale will take place between 1pm-1.30pm, and then again from 2.30pm-3.30pm. The play will be in between at 1.30pm and you are very warmly welcomed to attend and watch the Christmas performances.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the selling of the kitchen ware, please be at St. Joseph's School for 12.50pm on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Carols around the Pubs

Carols around the Nechells pubs will take place on Friday evening.

Carol singers needed. Please gather at the Methodist Church in Nechells Park Road at 7.15pm.



Father Hudson's 115th Annual Fund Raising Ball takes place on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are £40. See notice for further details or go to [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

### RCIA

The RCIA group meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart. You are welcome to join in even if you are already a Catholic. It is good for all of us to do so every few years. **The RCIA group will not meet on Thursday 20th or 27th**

### Diocesan Schools

'A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham' 8.30am – 3.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (no cost for this course) Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA. Please use this link to book a place on this course: <http://w.pfrms.co/2l1tp>

### Penitential Services

There will be Penitential Services taking place at the following churches within the Deanery:

**St Margaret Mary**, Perry Common

Thursday 19th December 7pm

**St Nicholas'**, Boldmere

Thursday 20th December 7pm

**Holy Trinity**, Sutton Coldfield

Monday, 17th December 7pm

**Erdington Abbey**

Tuesday December 18th 7.30pm

Father Stephen will also be available for Confessions after Mass on Sundays and Fridays leading up the Christmas in addition to the normal Saturday time at 11.45 am.

St. Chad's, St. Michael's and the Oratory have a lot of Confessions times leading up to Christmas. See their websites for details.

### School Carol Services

You are warmly invited to attend the School Carol Services at either Church.

St. Joseph's will be at the Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Sacred Heart's will be in Sacred Heart Church at 2.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December



### SPUC Pro-Life

Please will you send one of the SPUC cards which will be presented to the Prime Minister to ask her not to give parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion.

THE NEW CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES for 2019 are available £3.