



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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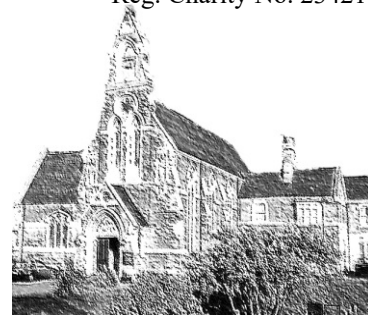
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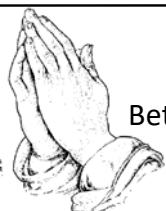
## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C



### Today we pray for...

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30pm	Rachel Jackson – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Alice Redmond – Mass at St. Joseph's Church</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 – Mass at St. Joseph's Church</b>
Christmas Eve	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish – Mass at St. Joseph's Church</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		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sean&Sarah McGrillen& family – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
St. Stephen's Day	<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Alma Maddix – at St. Joseph's Church</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Holy Innocents Day	10.00am	O'Neill family – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service - at St. Joseph's Church</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Father Petroc Howell – Mass at St. Joseph's Church</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>



*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

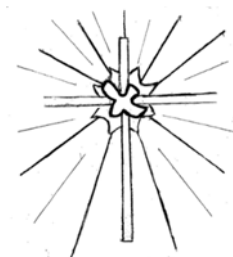
Wed	12pm	AA Group
Fri	12.15	'Come as you are' Prayer Group
	7pm	Church Cleaning ( <i>Last Friday of month</i> )

### 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 -	£44.04
Gift Aid -	£9.00
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>£53.04</b>

*It is customary for the Christmas Collections to be a personal gift to the Parish Priest.*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The Order subsidises sick, disabled and older pilgrims. Please see notice in Church for details.

### First Fridays of Faith

The next meeting will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm with tea & coffee ready for prompt start at 7.30pm. We shall listen to a talk by Bishop Barron on the Eucharist and have discussion and a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

### Marriage Mass - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

at 11.00am at St. Chad's. Those celebrating particular milestone anniversaries this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years) and those preparing to get married in 2019 are invited to this Mass

Father Hudson's 115<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> December***

### 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/2lttp>

### Penitential Services

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 11.45am.

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

### World Youth Day

Our pilgrims will be leaving for Panama on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January. 10 young people from St. Vincent's, Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's are going. Please pray for them.

### Servers Mass

St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of Servers, so servers and their families are especially invited to the Mass on Boxing Day in Sacred Heart at 11am.

### The Guild of St. Stephen's Mass

is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at noon at St. Chad's with the Archbishop. I hope most of our servers and their families will be able to attend. Please see Francis Prom.

### 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.