



# Saint Joseph's Cathedral

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**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

*This week at the Cathedral*

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**  
 Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> - 17:30    First Mass/Vigil Mass of Sunday: George Thomas (RIP)  
 08:00                Mass: *Queenie Nwale (Healing)*  
 10:00                Mass: *Ken Williams (RIP)*
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**      **Third Week of Advent**  
 09:15                Mass: *Jack & Kate Hartigan (RIP)*  
 19:00                *Bishop Vaughan Carol Service*
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Third Week of Advent**  
 09:15                Mass: *Ethel & John Dermody (RIP)*
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Third Week of Advent**  
 14:00                St Joseph's School Christmas Carol  
 18:30                Mass: *Clifford Robinson (RIP)*
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**    **Third Week of Advent**  
 09:15                Mass: *Donald & Mary Dermody (RIP)*
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 09:15                Mass: *Peggy & Len Llewellyn (RIP)*
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**     **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 09:15                No Mass:  
 17:30                **First Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 Vigil Mass: Malcolm Smith (RIP)
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
 08:00                Mass: *Michael Cooze (RIP)*  
 10:00                Mass: *Kathryn Fisher (RIP)*  
 17:30                *Parish Carol Service with Children's Choir*

**Ministries Schedule for the week.**

	17:30	08:00	10:00
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Rowena Cura Alan Cura		Anne Jones Grace Beaman
<b>Readers</b>	Emily Cole MaryClare Pitson	Michael Harris Angela Cooze	K McCarthy Val Fisher

**The Holy Father's General Intention for December –**  
 "That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority."

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to You. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it, I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may find it.  
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**Amen**

**Pray for them**

**Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals:**

Canon Seamus Cunnane, Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Jean Davies, Brian Gabriel, Mary Church, Christopher Browne, Lee Ellery, Dixie Hale, Taylor Mai, Jeffery Jones, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Nathan Jones, Gary Lewis, Anne Kavanagh, Brian Nutt, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Matthew Caliolo, Severina Cavallucci, Maralyn Brain, Margaret Williams, Geoffrey Collins and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

**Anniversaries:**

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**Sanctuary Lights:**

- (1) In memory of **Kathryn Fisher**
- (2) In memory of **Helena Hammett**



Notices

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of Advent Candles:** Liturgy booklets may be found in the porch. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THESE BOOKLETS AWAY.**

**Walk With Me:** Booklet of Scripture readings for Advent now available at the back of the Church. Suggestion donation 50p

**Donations towards Christmas Flowers:** There is a basket in the porch for donations towards Christmas flowers for the Altar. All contributions gratefully received. Thank you.

**Cathedral Christmas Carol Service:** 5:30 p.m. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 followed by refreshments in the Hall. Please be sure to keep this date free to attend.

**Newsletter:** Please kindly take your newsletter home with you and re-read it at your leisure.

**Columbarium in the Crypt:** Persons requiring information about contact Canon Benedict/Parish office. It is important to note that other than the Parish Office may not be helpful to you.

**Cremations:** For important information regarding the burial of the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation, please go to the VC for the new & updated instructions:

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/resurgendum-cum-christo\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/resurgendum-cum-christo_en.html)

See also the notice board.

*"The Church is like Noah's ark that was full of both clean and unclean animals. It must have had an unholy smell, and yet it was carrying eight persons to salvation. The world today is tearing up the photographs of a good society, a good family, a happy, individual personal life. But the Church is keeping the negatives. And when the moment comes when the world wants a reprint, we will have them."*  
(Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

**Christmas Mass/New Year Mass Schedule**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019	17:30	Cathedral Christmas Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	18.30	Christmas Vigil Mass
	00.00	<b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	10:00	Christmas Day Mass
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	09:15	St Stephen – 1 <sup>st</sup> Martyr (Feast)
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	09:15	St John, Apostle and Evangelist
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	17:30	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	08:00	<b>First Mass:</b> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
	10:00	<b>Second Mass:</b> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	09:15	Mass
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2019	09:15	Mass
	16:30	Vespers and Benediction
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020	10:00	Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Your last week's offerings: £809.76

(Including Standing orders and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

*\* Gift Aid returns will reduce the weekly deficit, but will not make up the shortfall. If you are a tax payer and you are not already signed up to the Gift Aid giving system, please consider doing so, it will not cost you any extra, but the Church will get the benefit of tax relief.*

**A warm welcome** to those who have recently made the Cathedral their regular place of worship. It is a good idea to let your Parish Priest know your name and address so that he will know who, and where, you are. Furthermore, if you are already an Altar Server, Reader etc. and would be prepared to exercise your Ministry here, please speak to the Parish Priest.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Margaret Sullivan<sup>RS</sup>; Alan Taylor (RIP); Paul Christmas (RIP); Patrick Wheatley (RIP); Rowland, Carole & Allison (RIP); Nicholas Gray (RIP)

**Sanctuary Lamp Requests:** Billy Tennant (RIP); Helena Hammett (RIP).

**Hymns for Sunday Liturgy**

Opening Song	Give my Joy in my heart	722
Preparation of the gifts	God's spirit is in my heart	864
Communion	Be still for the presence of the Lord	720
Closing	Our God reigns	768

**Choir Practice:** New members always welcome. Please see Andrew after the 10:00 a.m. Mass or contact the Office. There will be **Rehearsals** on 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Sick & Housebound Parishioners NOT on the Sick List:** Canon Benedict will make a personal visit to any sick and housebound parishioner to take Holy Communion and to hear Confession. Please, therefore, be sure to inform Canon of any family member or friend who would appreciate a visit. Thank you.

**Business Matters:** Canon Benedict is very happy to have informal chats with everyone after weekend Masses, however, **ALL** official matters are to be discussed during office hours, by appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Thank you.

**Sr. Margaret Fitzgerald's Pilgrimages 2020:** May 4-11<sup>th</sup> Medjugore (phone for details); October 9-16<sup>th</sup> Fatima x 5 nights; Santiago Compostella x 2 nights. Flights from Bristol. For further details please contact Sr. Margaret at Stella Maris. Convent, Eaton Crescent, Swansea SA1 4QR. Tel: 01792 473453

**Piety Shop** -- Bibles, Christmas cards, gifts etc. on sale in the porch. Nativity sets and other large items available to order.

**Requests for Baptismal Certificates:** Please direct all requests to Anne at the email address below. Please include full details of your son/daughter. i.e. full name, date of birth and approximate date of Baptism. Thank you.  
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