




# Saint Joseph's Cathedral

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## 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

***This week at the Cathedral: Year: C (I)***

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 17:30 (Sat.) Vigil Mass: Moira & Richard Heady (RIP)  
 08:00 (Sun.) Mass: Margaret Pitson (RIP)  
 10:00 Mass: People of the parish

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Crypt THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM**  
 (Solemnity)  
 09:15 Mass: Private Intention

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> St. John Roberts, Martyr (Opt. Memorial)**  
 09:15 Mass: D'd members of Pitson & Lawrence families (RIP)

**Weds. 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent**  
 09:15 Mass: Dennis Morgan (RIP) (Anniv.)

**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent**  
**NO PUBLIC MASS**

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)**  
 09:15 Mass: Margaret Pitson (RIP)

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor (Mem.)**  
 10:00 Crypt Private Mass: followed by interment of the cremated human remains of the late Mr. Venantii Erive (RIP)

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Billy O'Donnell (RIP)

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> . 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 08:00 (Sun.) Mass  
 10:00 Mass: People of the Parish

### **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

### **THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, Implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, My Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.

### **Pray for them**

**Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals** Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Gary Lewis, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Helena Hughes, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Patrick (Paddy) Colclough, Eileen Morgan, Eileen Griffiths, Angela Flynn, Melanie Kennedy, Rita Lewis and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Carole Hyde, Colin James Jenkins, Jack Rees, Paul Anthony Jones, Patricia Cecilia Mary Burton, Ioan Valentine Evans.

**Holy Father's Intention for December:** "Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

### **Sanctuary Lights**

1) Special Intention (FML)



**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Please note that all weekday Masses are now being celebrated in the crypt. Weekend Masses continue to be celebrated in the cathedral.

**A SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER COMMUNION.** This collection will be 'ring-fenced' and 'off-set' against our energy bill. Thank you in advance for your kind co-operation.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED (Deceased):** David Kavanagh, John & Helena Hammett, Joseph Gronert,

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED (Other):** Thanksgiving (A.G.),

**SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS:** *Special Intention (FML)*

**REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS:** We currently have a lot of outstanding Mass Intentions on the books and whilst we are doing our utmost to accommodate requests for Masses on specific dates, you will appreciate it is not always possible so we schedule them to the nearest free slot. **NB:** If wanting to book Anniversary and Birthday Mass Intentions on a particular date, especially at weekends, you need to do so well in advance . . . not wait until one or two weeks before. Owing to high demand, requests for weekend Mass Intentions are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

Mass intentions may only be scheduled for the 5:30 p.m. and 08:00 a.m. Masses. **NO MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE 10:00 a.m. MASS** unless it is for an Anniversary that actually falls on that particular Sunday. **PLEASE NOTE:** No further bookings are currently being accepted for the Saturday Vigil Mass as it is already fully booked until February 2025. Thank you for your patience. *Canon Benedict.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** The next class is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Holy Family Hall. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** The next Confirmation class is scheduled to take place at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Library of Clergy House. - *Val & John*

**RCIA:** Meetings take place on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. on in the Library of Clergy House. Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested. Thank you.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** 7 p.m. Thursday evenings in the Library of Clergy House.

*The response to . . .  
"Holy God: . . . " is  
"we want to know you better."*

#### HYMN NUMBERS

**5:30 VIGIL MASS:**

*Entrance: 94*

*Communion: 663*

*Offertory: 101 & 600*

*Recessional: 356*

**10:00 MASS: Music courtesy of the African Choir**

#### OFFERINGS FOR 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Loose plate): £557.39

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (ENERGY) (Loose plate): £283.04

A special note of thanks to you all for responding so readily to the appeal for donations towards the energy costs. The decision to hold a second collection was not taken lightly. It was out of necessity. Just to remind you again: at a cost of £40 per hour, the energy cost of heating the cathedral for the three weekend Masses is £250. That does not include the lighting. Hence the reason for drastic action. *Canon Benedict*

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7 p.m.**

**THE FILM TRIUMPHANT CHOIR,**  
a group of Nigerian Choristers in the UK,

proudly presents

**A MUSICAL CONCERT**

at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph

The concert will commence directly after the 5:30 Vigil Mass

**Free admission**

*Parishioners attending the Vigil Mass, I would encourage you to please stay, if you are able, to show support for our Nigerian Choristers.*

*Thank you.  
Canon Benedict*