

For those who have died: Daniel Dean, Ann Scott, Winnie Lawlor, Sister Maria Rufina Onyebuchi, Shaun Scott, Sister Mary John Paul (Marzena), Winifred Ranford, Bishop John Hine

Funerals: **Winnie Lawlor** (Reception into Church Tuesday 10th December 4.00pm, Requiem Mass Wednesday 11th December 11am), **Daniel Dean** Reception into Church Thursday 12th December 4.00pm, Requiem Mass Friday 13th December 11am) **Winifred Ranford** (Funeral Monday 23rd December 10am followed by Streetly Crematorium)

Please keep in your prayers: Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, , Caroline Holland, Tom Bradley, Maureen Salmon, Joyce Walsh, Eddie McDonagh, Suzy McDonagh, Marie McKenzie, Philip Gormley, Francis Keane, Anne Russell, Maureen Byrne, William Kelly, John Farrell, Ann Gilraine, Margaret McNulty, Cornelius Cronan, Tom Brennan, Thomas McHugh, Tara Ford, Michael Welsh, Simon Woods, Chris Kane, Jim Malachi, Monica Carrington, Michael McHugh, James Swindel, Reg Ford, Chris Voice, Lisa Dean, Margaret Bednall, Sandra, John Magnier, Sheila Cronin, Maureen Rowland-Aitken, Elaine and David Sumner, Jackie Logan, Brenda Guest, Graham Lawlor, Robert Sweeney, Dayna Haywood, Frank Gallagher, Mary Chester, Ann Mountford, Patrick McDonagh, Gillian Ilsley

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SIGNS	WATCH	WORLD	CAREFUL	PRAY

CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.00 to 10.45am & before mass or by appointment

ADORATION: Tues 9.00am—9.50am & Sat 10.00-10.50am

BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment

ROSARY: 20 mins before mass

CHOIR: Sing at 10.00am mass. **Anyone can join.**

**** CHILDREN'S LITURGY **:** During Sun 10:00am Mass

TEAS and COFFEE: After Sun 10:00am Mass in Parish Hall. **All Welcome**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 30th Nov / Sun 1st Dec 2024**

Advent Week One

Sat Entrance **488** Offertory **133** Communion **535** Recession **745**

Sun Entrance **488** Offertory **133** Communion **535** Recession **745**



1st Week of Advent

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. In the Gospel {Luke 21:25-28, 34-36}, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - liberation. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES IN SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

Saturday 14th 5.00pm (with readings Before 5.30pm Mass) *All welcome*

Wednesday 18th 9.20am with St Peter's School *All welcome*

Wednesday 18th 10.30am with Walsall Fellowship Group *All welcome*

Tuesday 24th 11.30pm (with Readings Before Midnight Mass) *All welcome*

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Elizabeth Briars**. They can be contacted at: sg.stpeters.bloxwich@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Sat 30 Nov	10.00am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	11.15am MASS St Andrew, Apostle	Jim Lowndes Birthday Thanks, Ann Scott and Shawn RIP
	5.30pm MASS 1ST Week ADVENT (VIGIL) including Recommissioning	Sr Felicitas IHM 1st Profession, Daniel Dean RIP, Beryl and Patrick Fitzmaurice RIP
Sun 1 Dec	10.00am MASS 1ST Week ADVENT including Recommissioning	Mary Rowley RIP, Mavis Bradin RIP, Sr Jacinta 1st Profession, Parents Elizabeth and Jimmy Reynolds
	1.00pm <i>Communion Round</i>	
Mon 2 Dec	11.00am <i>Meeting Funeral Family</i>	
	1.00pm <i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	Catherine and Joe Sullivan RIP
	6.00pm MASS in Covent	
Tue 3 Dec	9.00am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	10.00am MASS St Francis Xavier	Sr Margaret Devlin RIP
	11.00am <i>Communion Round</i>	
	5.00pm <i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 4 Dec	11.00am Johnson Association Meeting	
	NO MASS	
Thu 5 Dec	9.30am MASS in St Peter's School	Fr Michael McGuire RIP
	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Fri 6 Dec	NO MASS	
Sat 7 Dec	10.00am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	11.15am MASS Our Lady on Saturday	David Harrison RIP, Nicholas Ogwuike RIP
	1-3pm <i>Fun Church in the Parish Centre</i>	
	5.30pm MASS 2ND Week ADVENT (VIGIL)	B Mitchell RIP
Sun 8 Dec	10.00am MASS 2ND Week ADVENT	Winnie Lawlor RIP, Mary Rowley RIP, Santiago Thanksgiving
	1.00pm <i>Communion Round</i>	



WHATSAPP CHANNEL St Peter's will soon move to a Whatsapp Channel for sending messages and keeping people up to date. Watch this space!

CARDS FOR PRISONERS St Peter's Send Cards to Prisoners. They are available to be signed on the tables provided. PLEASE ONLY PUT YOUR FIRST NAME. NO MESSAGES!



CHURCH CLEANING— We need volunteers to help with cleaning and jobs around the Church. Perhaps it could be a new year's resolution to join our team of helpers at the Church.



ST PETER'S PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP. To join: 1.) Give Fr. David or Sr.Tonia your WhatsApp phone number to add you manually or 2.) Send a WhatsApp message 'ADD ME' to the Parish WhatsApp number; 07840781301.

HODDER MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED

This week, 1st Week of Advent, we will be using the new lectionary. This means the texts for the readings at mass change. New Sunday Missals are available in the piety stall.



1st WEEK OF ADVENT—READERS

This week we will be re-commissioning the readers..

THIS WEEK'S READERS

30-Nov Anthony Daniels Martin Bradley
01-Dec Tayla Ewen Tarah O'Brien

READERS'S CHRISTMAS ROTA

Please collect and return the 'Christmas Availability form' by next weekend

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION

The Red Box collection for Autumn has now been completed and the sum collected was £760 making a grand total for the year of £1,610. Well done.

BUILDING UPDATE

Some more work was completed on the Church Roof (staircase leading to gallery). Again it was putting down a layer of waterproofing paint. Work on the Convent Roof is the next phase of works. Remedial Electrical work will be done at the end of January 2025 after the Electrical Installation Certification report.

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include; **Henrietta Smith, Marie Lloyd, and Colin Melvin.**

FUN CHURCH DEC SATURDAY 7th

There will be another Fun Church for the children in Advent on Saturday 7th December 1pm to 3pm. ALL WELCOME! Arts and Crafts, Nativity and Refreshments. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Entrance Fee: donations welcome. Please give your names to Sue Kennedy, Sister Tonia, Rachel Flatley or Liz Briars.

ADVENT WREATH

The Advent **wreath** symbolises the beginning of the Church's Year and tells the story of Christmas. It is a circular evergreen wreath with 5 candles. Four around the edges and one in the centre. The **circle** of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy and love, which has no beginning or end. The **green** of the wreath speaks of the hope of newness and renewal and the candles the light of God coming into the world through His Son Jesus. The 4 outer candles represent the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas. The **purple** colour symbolise prayer and fasting, or getting oneself ready for receiving God. It is the colour of royalty—welcoming the King of Kings. The **rose** colour symbolises rejoicing or reflects the true nature of the Advent season. Finally the **white** central candle is lit of Christmas Day when the Light of the World comes into our life. We start the Season of Advent with blessing of the Advent Wreath. - Advent has a 2-fold character, (i) a time of preparation for Christmas, the first coming of the Son of God and (ii) to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING Please contact George Pitt (07926 636159 (text only) or use the booking form www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html or email the Office stpeters.bloxwich.org.uk



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