


For those who have died: Peter Hart, Mike Lang, Fr. David Forrester, Joan Doran, May Dutton, Jean Llewelyn, Fr. Sean Turley, Michelino Tamburro, Margaret Wassell, John Eccles RIP

Funerals:

Please keep in your prayers: John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Margaret Hunt, Veronica Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, Paddy McLoughlin, 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 Gilrairie, Margaret McNulty, Cornelius Cronan, Tom Brennan, Thomas McHugh, Tara Ford, Michael Welsh, Simon Woods, Chris Kane, Christine Linnell, Jim Malachi, Monica Carrington, Michael McHugh, Anne Scott, James Swindel, Reg Ford, Chris Voice, Fr Brian Brown, Lisa Dean and Danny Dean, Winnie Lawlor, Margaret Bednall, Sandra, John Magnier, Sheila Cronin, Maureen Rowland-Aitken, Elaine and David Sumner, Jackie Logan, Brenda Guest, Graham Lawlor, Terence Dixon, Robert Sweeney, Dayna Haywood, John Eccles, Gerry Stokes, Frank Gallagher, Mary Chester, Ann Mountford, Jim Lowndes

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION (DECEMBER): FOR THE POPE. For those that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation

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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*

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.

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Bloxwich




Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia ibi Deus

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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 9th/ Sun 10th December 2023**
2nd Sunday Advent
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2nd Sunday Advent



Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas. John the Baptist's role is to preach to us and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. We are given here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah {Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14}; Luke 3:4,6}: useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and he is revealed as a child in a manger!

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit. This candle represents love and peace - both God's love for us and ours for him and others - and symbolizes the manger where Jesus was born. The manger is a vivid reminder of the great lengths to which the King of Creation went, humbling himself for his people. He deserved a kingly procession into the city with much fanfare. Instead we see him born in a manger, living in poverty with no place to lay his head, and entering the city on a donkey as he makes his way to the cross. Lighting the second Advent candle reminds us of Jesus' life of love for us.

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.*

MASS/SERVICE TIMES, FEAST DAYS and ACTIVITIES

Sat 9 Dec	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 9 Dec	11.00am	Memorial St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin	Mike Lang RIP
Sat 9 Dec	12.-3pm	<i>Fun Church in the Parish Centre</i>	
Sat 9 Dec	5.30pm	2ND SUNDAY ADVENT (Vigil)	Margaret Wassell RIP, John Bates RIP, Rosa Tamburro anniversary
Sun 10 Dec	10.00am	2ND SUNDAY ADVENT	Thanksgiving Santiago Rodrigues, Brian Rollins anniversary, Jim and Sharon Lowndes intentions
Sun 10 Dec	11.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	
Sun 10 Dec	1-2.30pm	<i>Sunday Communions</i>	
Mon 11Dec	6.00pm	Mass in Convent with Vespers	Holy Souls
Tue 12 Dec	9.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tue 12 Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Holy Souls
Tue 12 Dec	11.00am	<i>Finance Meeting (ongoing)</i>	
Tue 12 Dec	11.00am	<i>Deanery Meeting St Mary the Mount</i>	
Tue 12 Dec	5.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Tue 12 Dec	6.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 13 Dec	10.30am	Memorial St Lucy	Margaret Farrell RIP
Wed 13 Nov	12.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Thu 14 Dec	9.30am	Mass in St Peter's School	Martin Scully RIP
Thu 14 Dec	10.30am	<i>Meeting in St Peter's School</i>	
Fri 15 Dec	10.00am	Mass in Church	Holy Souls
Sat 16 Dec	9.00am	Mass in Swinfen Hall HMP	John Eccles RIP
Sat 16 Dec	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 16 Dec	11.00am	<i>Advent Feria</i>	Holy Souls
Sat 16 Dec	5.30pm	3RD SUNDAY ADVENT (Vigil)	Madge Price RIP
Sun 17 Dec	10.00am	3RD SUNDAY ADVENT	Stephen Purshouse intentions
Sun 17 Dec	11.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	Downing
Sun 17 Dec	1pm-2pm	<i>Sunday Communions</i>	

ADVENT FUN CHURCH—9th DECEMBER 1PM—3PM PARISH CENTRE

**All adults and children welcome. Arts and Crafts. Nativity Carols and prayers. Refreshments and dancing.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR SALE

To raise money for the Church handmade Chocolate Boxes and Handmade gifts, Christmas cards are for sale over the weekend.

READER'S ROTA

1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading/Intercessions
09-Dec Shilla Pereira Christine Humphreys
10-Dec Charlotte Woodcock Felicia Rodrigues
READERS PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS AVAILABILITY—SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY/FROM FR. DAVID

POCKET CALENDARS

2023 Catholic Pocket Diaries now available again from the Piety Stall.

NEXT WEEKEND—SWINFEN HALL

Fr. David visits Swinfen Hall HMP next Saturday. It is his last visit before the new year. He will take these along with the Christmas cards signed by the parish. These are available to sign in the tables in the Church entrances. **PLEASE ONLY SIGN YOUR FIRST NAME—nothing else.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

In Church SUNDAY 24th December 11.30pm before Midnight Mass

On Church Steps (Bloxwich Community Choir) -Saturday 23rd December 11.30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sat 23rd 5.30pm (4th Sunday Advent Vigil)
Sun 24th 10am (4th Sunday Advent)
Sun 24th 5.30pm (Christmas Eve—children)
Sun 24th 11.30pm Christmas Carols
Sun 24th 12am (Midnight Mass)
Mon 25th 10am (Christmas Day Mass)
Tue 26th 10am (St Stephen's Day)

2nd Collection This Weekend

For Poor Parishes in Diocese.

ST PETER'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

St Peter's Foodbank is open in the parish Centre on Mondays 10am-12am.

On Monday we helped 48 adults and 19 children plus one emergency parcel. We are grateful for your donations weighing 41.6 kg. After Mondays session some volunteers and Parish Sister's attended Mass in Thanksgiving for our 1st Anniversary. Thank you to Fr David. *We will be closed for 2 weeks due to Christmas & New Year falling on Monday,* Always in need of Tinned meats, fish, potatoes, veg, rice pudding, long life milk, pasta sauce.

ANNIVERSARIES

Harold Hubberd, Nann Ronney, Rosina Musso, John Haley, Jennifer Thomas, Gary Hogan, Pius Meka, Terance Manns, and Horace Dicken; Rosa Tamburro

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

has officially started in our parish on Sundays, immediately after Mass.

All children from non-catholic schools aged 8 years and above or have completed their year 2 are welcomed to join. We also encourage parents who feel that their children need more catechism of faith but have not reached the age of confirmation, to let them join us despite having received 1st Holy Communion. Please take your forms or submit if you have not done so. Take or submit to Fr. David, Sue Kennedy or Sr. Tonia. After Christmas, new candidates will join the next group.

Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Gift Aid **No**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Please contact George Pitt
07926 636159 (text only) or
www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html

Non-Gift Aid **Count**

2nd Collection **None**

Last Weekend Mass Count

210

Thank You

The value of your donation is increased **25%** if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy