


**For those who have died:** Michelino Tamburro, Margaret Wassell, John Eccles , Teresa Crossley, Ronald Hunt

#### 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.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 16th/ Sun 17th December 2023**

### 3rd Sunday Advent

**SAT** Entrance 227 Offertory 368 Communion 522 Recession 40

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## 3rd Sunday Advent -Gaudete Sunday



So, who is coming? John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him {John 1:6-8, 19-28}? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them, who is coming after him. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently {1 Thessalonians 5:16-24}: God has called you, and he will not fail you. This is why we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday since it is Latin word meaning "rejoice." and is the first word in the entrance antiphon conveying the joyful message. This Sunday we light the rose candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, on the Advent wreath instead of a purple candle and the priest wears a rose-coloured chasuble. The third Sunday in Advent shifts us from a tone of expectation of Christ's coming to one of rejoicing at the arrival of God's kingdom with the coming of Jesus. It is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

**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](mailto:sg.stpeters.bloxwich@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## MASS/SERVICE TIMES, FEAST DAYS and ACTIVITIES

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|------------|----------|--|---|
| Sat 16 Dec | 10.00am  | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament         |   |
| Sat 16 Dec | 11.00am  | Advent <i>Feria</i>                        | Holy Souls  |
| Sat 16 Dec | 5.30pm   | <b>3RD SUNDAY ADVENT (Vigil)</b>           | Madge Price RIP, Teresa Crossley RIP  |
| Sun 17 Dec | 10.00am  | <b>3RD SUNDAY ADVENT</b>                   | Stephen Purshouse intentions, David Harrison RIP  |
| Sun 17 Dec | 11.45am  | <i>Baptism</i>                             | Downing   |
| Sun 17 Dec | 1-2.30pm | <i>Sunday Communions</i>                   |   |
| Mon 18 Dec | 6.00pm   | Mass in Convent with Vespers               | Lowest souls in purgatory   |
| Tue 19 Dec | 9.00am   | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament         |   |
| Tue 19 Dec | 10.00am  | Advent <i>feria</i>                        | Souls nearest to heaven   |
| Tue 19 Dec | 11.00am  | Communions with Sister                     |   |
| Wed 20 Dec | 10.30am  | Carol Service In Church                    |   |
| Wed 20 Dec | 1.00pm   | Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction) |   |
| Wed 20 Dec | 7.00pm   | Reconciliation Service @ Tamworth          |   |
| Thu 21 Dec | 9.30am   | Mass in St Peter's School                  | Sr Norbert 1st Profession, Jayne Burrows intentions   |
| Thu 21 Dec | 10.00am  | Governor Meeting at School                 |   |
| Fri 22 Dec | 10.00am  | Advent <i>feria</i>                        | All the Holy Souls  |
| Sat 23 Dec | 10.00am  | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament         |   |
| Sat 23 Dec | 11.00am  | Advent <i>feria</i>                        |   |
| Sat 23 Dec | 5.30pm   | <b>4th SUNDAY ADVENT (Vigil)</b>           | Thomas, Alice, Patricia and Bernard Hopley  |
| Sun 24 Dec | 10.00am  | <b>4th SUNDAY ADVENT</b>                   | Bridgit's ancestors in purgatory  |
| Sun 24 Dec | 5.30pm   | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASS</b>                  | Collins and Maloney Family, Pauline and Sid Winstance, Karen Robertson, Teresa Crossley RIP |
| Sun 24 Dec | 11.30pm  | <b>CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN CHURCH</b>          |   |
| Sun 24 Dec | 12.00am  | <b>CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS</b>             | Sr Norbert Birthday   |
| Mon 25 Dec | 10.00am  | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>                  | June and Michael O'Sullivan RIP   |
| Mon 25 Dec | 2.00pm   | <b>Christmas Mass in a Home</b>            | Tom Chester RIP and Chester family intentions   |
| Tue 26 Dec | 10.00am  | <b>Saint Stephen's Day</b>                 | Thanksgiving Aquil  |

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—baskets available for donations at the Church entrances**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to last weekend's fun church**

## READER'S ROTA

1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading/Intercessions  
16-Dec Sr Tonia Anthony Daniels  
17-Dec Sr. Felicitas Kelechi Alabaraonye  
*READER ROTAS FOR CHRISTMAS NOW*

*AVAILABLE FROM SACRISTY*

## POCKET CALENDARS

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

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

*In Church SUNDAY 24h 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)

## 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **Paul Hibberd, Jane Perry, Micheal Griffin, Frederick Stanley, Denis Taylor, Bunny Roberts, Francis Tapper, Anthony Hirrill, Nathan Raj, and Ida Davis**

## ST PETER'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

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

On Monday we helped 44 adults and 23 children. Thank you for donations weighing 39.6kg. We are open on Monday 18th then closed until January 15th.

We wish you and your families A very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

Thank you for the support you give.

We are in need of strong carrier bags

*We will be closed for 2 weeks due to Christmas & New Year falling on Monday.*

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OUR CHURCH

Increasingly your Church at St. Peter's is beset by anti-social behaviour. Do not think that this building is respected because it is God's House. The front of the Church has been used for every kind of anti-social behaviour. This is left to your imagination rather than to list it. Cleaning up this behaviour is left to Fr. David and occasionally others. This is filthy work which is just getting worse and will not improve. As such in the New Year we will be looking to have a fence across the front of the Church (High Street entrance) with two sets of double gates. It is the only way to protect the Church in the future. *This notice will be sent again to remind you that this work will be undertaken.*

Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

Gift Aid **£244.00**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Non-Gift Aid **£344.83**

2nd Collection **£124.66**

Last Weekend Mass Count

Poor parishes

235

## PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Please contact George Pitt  
**07926 636159 (text only)** or  
[www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html](http://www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html)

*Thank You*

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