

2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – PSALTER WEEK 1

Saturday	01	6.00 p.m.	Joseph Carty
Sunday	02	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo
		11.00 a.m.	Caroline Kearney RIP
Monday	03	* 9.05 a.m.*	Mass at OLF School - Marie White
Tuesday	04	10.00 a.m.	Pat Howell and Family
Wednesday	05	-- --	No Mass
Thursday	06	10.00 a.m.	Maurice Duffey intentions
Friday	07	6.30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	08	10.00 a.m.	Denis Murphy RIP



9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – PSALTER WEEK 2

Saturday	08	6.00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday	09	9.00 a.m.	Teodora Bagayo
		11.00 a.m.	John Rollason

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** – Saturday 10.30–11.00a.m. & 5.15–5.45p.m. & *by appointment*  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Friday 6.00–6.30 p.m. & Saturday 10.30–11.00 a.m.  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – Sunday at 3.00 p.m.  
**PRAYER GROUP** – Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in church. *Everyone welcome!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PARISH...**  
*Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless those who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD...**  
*Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently. We pray also for those in whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	Gift Aid	£ 315.00	Second Collection <b>£243.81</b>
	Non Gift Aid	£ 296.55	for Catholic Youth Service
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 611.55</b>	<b>Thank you!</b>

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Mrs Collette Keegan. Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES :** Louisa Westley & Irene Byrne *contact via Parish Office*

**MASS ON MONDAY**

The School warmly invite all parishioners to join them for Mass on Monday morning this week. It will be a wonderful way for the school community to begin the season of Advent.

**SECOND COLLECTION.**

The second collection next Sunday is for the Poor Parish Fund. We, ourselves have benefitted from this fund, and I would encourage you to be generous in your support. It helps parishes in our Archdiocese who are struggling financially.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard organising and helping to make the Christmas Bazaar a huge success.

**PARISH CULTURAL EVENING**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. with food and entertainment from around the world. So far, we have representation from Africa, India and Ireland but there is room for more!

**PARISH QUIZ**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.**

**GIFT AID & STANDING ORDER FORMS**

Thank you to those who took *Gift Aid* and / or *Standing Order* Forms following the talk on our finances. Please do remember to bring them back as soon as you can. If you didn't take a form, please do think about supporting our parish in this way. Remember, with Gift Aid we get an extra 25p for every £1 you give – at no extra cost to you.

★★★ CHRISTMAS STARS ★★★

This year, we will, once again, be decorating the Christmas tree in church with silver and gold stars. You can purchase a star and write your message on the back - perhaps in memory of a loved one who has died, to pray for a particular intention or to wish someone a Happy Christmas! *Suggested minimum donation of £5.00.* Available this weekend!



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**NEWSPAPERS**

After the Last Sunday of this year, we will no longer be selling any of the Catholic newspapers. This is due to a change in the way we are charged as a parish. However, we have been assured that you can order of these papers at your local newsagents. Any issues please contact the Parish office.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS**

Walk with me booklets and calendars are an excellent accompaniment for your Advent journey and are available at the back of Church. A contribution of £1 towards the cost would be much appreciated.

**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, VERNON ROAD**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, St Paul's School will be holding their Annual OAP Christmas Party from 1pm – 3pm. If you would like to attend, please contact 0121 454 0895 for bookings and further details.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St. Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road are looking for a Pastoral Administrator starting January 2019. Hours – 36.5 plus banked hours Salary – 19,446 - 20,074 depending on experience, Closing date 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon, interview date 18<sup>th</sup> December. For further details please see website - [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk)

**LEADERSHIP COURSE**

On 19<sup>th</sup> January a course is taking place entitled - *A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.* 8.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m., no cost. Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, B46 3EA To book a place visit: <http://w.pfrms.co/2ltp>

**RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS STAMPS**

Please request Religious Christmas Stamps from the Post Office for your Christmas Cards. The Royal Mail have produced some beautiful images of Our Lady with the Child Jesus this year – a wonderful way of reminding people about the true meaning of Christmas.