

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How marvellous are the consolations of our divine religion! How rich it is in noble thoughts, ardent affections and supernatural means of strengthening our feeble hearts, of transforming us wretched men almost into Angels, who know not what it is to suffer! The more deeply I study the subject the more fully I am convinced of this.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Next Week's Gospel Reading Fourth Sunday in Advent

Gospel – Luke 1:39-44

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy."



Sunday bidding prayers - are available for anyone to take home to pray during the week. They are left on the table in the old baptistery. Thank you.

The Coach House- is open after Sunday 10am Mass for Christmas Cards, Calenders, cribs etc...Please visit.

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ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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Week starting 15th December 2018

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £

Last Sunday's Retiring Collection raised £

News - Just to inform you that last Sunday evening after the Mass, as we were heading back to the house with the collection, two strange men appeared in the alley way as if going to the church and finding that the doors were closed, they spotted the collection in my hand and forced themselves and ran off with two of our retiring collection bags. Just be aware of strangers

and any strange behavior around you which should be noted. I would like everybody to be aware of this situation.

In view of this, we may not print the Sunday Collection totals in the newsletters in future. All those who have church keys please be more vigilant and lock the doors behind you. Allow only those doors open when you can see who is coming in. I am looking at placing few extra lights & cameras by our south east side of the church.

Thank you.

Winners of prizes still to be collected from Parish

Office: Mrs. Donnelly; Teresa; Joe Cuschier; P. Smith; Mr. O'Donnell; Andrew Peck

U.C.M. Monday 17th December at 7pm is the shared supper & Carols at Hanover Gardens. A Capitation fee of £16 will be collected at this meeting.

Church Cleaning before Christmas- will take place on the 19th Wednesday after 10 a.m. Mass, if you are able to help with the cleaning of the church, please make yourself available in the morning. All are welcome.

Confession before Christmas - please note the change of date: parish confession before Christmas will take place on Thursday 20th at 7 p.m. There will be priests from our deanery available to hear confessions. Please make the evening free.

Crib Service- Everyone is welcome to come along on the 24th of December at 2p.m. Children are invited to dress up as angels or shepherds etc. Please contact Juliet Green or the Parish Office for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers, Youth and Adult Readers -

The rotas have all been emailed to you, if you have not received the email please contact Kathy on kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com. If you are unable to print, please collect a copy from the Sacristy. With thanks.

Christianity in Action: a different Advent Calendar for children and Adults alike:

www.actionforhappiness.org/media/744312/do_good_december.pdf

AMAYzing Value Stall raised over £643 at the Christmas Market. Thank you very much for your generous donations which have enabled us to raise this amount. We would also like to thank those parishioners that helped us set up the stall and sell, your help is invaluable. Finally a big thanks to those parishioners who supported us with their purchases.

Eucharistic Adoration - Resumes On Monday 14th January. No mass on Monday evenings. Thank you to June Hargadon and all volunteers.

A Very Warm Welcome to St. Marie's!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy & introduce yourself.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Halls after weekday or Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office opens from 09.10 – 12.40 on Wednesday to Friday

IN THE PARISH continued...

St Marie's 500 Club: The results of the annual bumper draw for Christmas are: [1]No. 16 @£60; [2]No.184 @ £40; [3]No.48 @ £20. Cheques have been sent to the lucky winners. Many thanks to all members for your continued support for the parish. Unless you very kindly have a standing order, please remember to send in any cash/cheques for 2019 subs in an envelope to the parish office. Good luck all for next year! New members and numbers are always welcome @ only £12 for all of 2019; call Elizabeth on 816285 [or Margaret on 541705].

Any Volunteers to help in Painting the Coach House toilets? Paint & brush provided. Please speak to Fr. Tom **APF / Red Boxes** – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return the collected money by Sunday 23rd December. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage- that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. Please contact Lianne via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. We are also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch is 62 years.

Parish Priest's Diary:

Monday:- meeting/confession & spiritual direction

Tuesday:- Deanery meeting/ school carols

Wednesday:- Wedding Rehearsal/confession

Thursday:- Wedding/parish confession

Friday:- funeral/ Whole School Mass.

Christmas Mass Timings:

Monday 24th December

Mass at 10 a.m.

Crib service at 2 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.

Polish Mass at 8 p.m.

Carols & Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m.

Tuesday 25th December

Mass at 8 p.m.

Solemn Mass of Christmas day at 10 a.m.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

No evening Mass

Wednesday 26th December

Mass at 10 a.m. **St. Stephen's Day** – a special day for our altar servers. Please do come and encourage them.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

15th December - 22nd December 2018

SATURDAY 15th December – Vigil for Third Sunday of Advent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Pat O'Meara R.I.P.

SUNDAY 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Mass at 10 a.m. for Benedict McBreen R.I.P.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Mary Reilly R.I.P.

MONDAY 17th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Pat O'Meara R.I.P.

No Adoration – Adoration resumes on 14th January 2019

No Mass at 7.00 p.m.

Oratory Mass for UCM Intentions

TUESDAY 18th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Marguerite Giddings R.I.P.

6pm School Carol Service in the Church

Oratory Mass P.I. of Miroslav & Zuzana

WEDNESDAY 19th December

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Patrick & Lily McGrath R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- Holy Souls

THURSDAY 20th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of the Couloute Family

Wedding at 12 p.m.

Service of Reconciliation – 7pm in the Church

Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

Oratory Mass- All sick parishioners

FRIDAY 21st December – Commemoration of St. Peter Canisius

Mass at 10 a.m. for Michael Collins R.I.P.

Whole School Mass at 11am

Funeral of Sharon Marsden at 1pm

Oratory Mass- Charles & Annie Woodcock R.I.P.

SATURDAY 22nd December

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Confessions 10 to 11a.m.

Oratory Mass: Vincent Ferdinand R.I.P.

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Derek Larkin, Sharon Collieran, Rachel Mears, Baby Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, Hattie Taylor, William Hearn, Gordon Henderson, Sofia Roman Garcia, Sister Mary Francisca, Pat & Breda Mulvey, Pippy Bilsland.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Betty Kerry, Mary Reilly, Theresa Stubbings, Fiona Bennington, Ignacy Anczarshi, Hilda Rider, Bridget Hipwell, Jaqueline Warren, Zdzislaw Mosdorf-Skrzeczowski, Vittoria Dimarino, Jean Trimming, Amy Hudson, Lily McGrath

Congratulations and best wishes to Claire Delouce and Gary Flemming getting married on this Thursday.