



St. Marie's Church, Rugby, CV22 5EL

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SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Myself and Fr Jose would like to take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. I pray you have a wonderful Christmas. We would also like to take a moment to say thank you. We are so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially this past year. Whether it's cleaning, serving tea & coffee, tending to the graves, setting up for Mass, singing in the choir, or any one of the countless other (often unseen) tasks that keep our community running, we are grateful. Thank you so much for all you do! Finally, thank you for the many Christmas blessings, cards and gifts that we have received at Gentili House and also your continued support. Have a blessed Christmas.

Supporting our Parish

Our beautiful church is in need of some repairs. To help with this you can support by;

Weekly donations, either through the collection boxes or via bank transfer, if you are able to gift aid please speak with Michael Borg.

The 500 Club draw, if you wish to take part please contact Elizabeth Burnett on 01788 816285 If you are not a member but would like to join it is so easy. There are forms at the back of church to complete. It only costs £12 a year and each month there is a draw with three cash prizes.

Light for Night, Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the lighting of the Church in Christmas colours. We have had a few more requests to sponsor in memory of loved ones and are extending the lighting of the Church to the Epiphany of the Lord on Thursday 6th January. Please contact Fr Shinto if you would like to be a sponsor.

We greatly appreciate your financial support and we recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

Fri 24 th Dec 2021	Advent Feria Adoration 09.00AM-10.00AM Christmas Novena	10.00AM 11.00AM 5.30PM 7.30PM	All Parishioners Baptism Ryan Akil Soares Rosado Betty Friel RIP The Kinder Family RIP
Sat 25 th Dec 2021	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	08.00AM 10.00AM	Derek Duerden RIP Derek & Declan Larkin RIP(anniversary)
Sun 26 th Dec 2021	Feast of the Holy Family	10.00AM 6.00PM	William Volkman RIP Anton Kovalcik
Mon 27 th Dec 2021	Feast of St. John, Apostle	10.00AM 11.45AM	Jean Bourne Oratory George O'Meara RIP
Tue 28 th Dec 2021	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10.00AM 11.45AM	Alexander Doherty RIP Oratory Marge Morgan
Wed 29 th Dec 2021	Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	10.00AM 11.45AM	Eamon Mangan RIP Oratory Linda Hall
Thu 30 th Dec 2021	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00AM 11.45AM	Joe Banningan RIP (anniversary) Oratory John Carey
Fri 31 st Dec 2021	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00AM 11.45AM	Paddy O'Toole RIP (anniversary) Oratory Liam Carey
Sat 1 st Jan 2022	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	08.00AM 10.00AM	Mr, Mrs and Miss Anantharajah Nora Garrett

This Week's Gospel Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him...

Christmas Hamper

Thank you kindly for your generous donations. We have raised £656 from the draw. The draw will take place after 10am mass on Christmas Day.

Repository Open after weekend and weekday mass.

Rosary Beads, statues, Baptismal & Sympathy cards etc. Diaries and 2022 calendars are also in stock.

Diaries 2022 -The diaries for next year are now available at the back of the church in the porch along with the Walk With Me booklets. Please leave a £1 donation for each in the glass bowls.

Christmas Fair & Fundraising

Our first Christmas Fair since the Coronavirus pandemic was a great success. It was lovely to see so many of our parishioners together and enjoying the start of Advent. Thank you for all the donations and to those volunteering their time on stalls and organising this event. In total so far we have raised £1608.54

The Light For Night has also been a success offering loved ones the opportunity to be remembered. The changing of the colours has been met with delight. You have currently raised over £600.00 the final total will be announced at a later date.

We will be printing some of these images onto cards which you may be interested in.

Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Fri 24th Dec on BBC from St. Chad's Cathedral

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Fri 24th Dec – 5.30PM & 7.30PM

Sat 25th Dec – 8.00AM & 10.00AM

NO EVENING MASS ON THE 25th

Sun 26th Dec - 10.00AM & 6.00PM

NEW YEARS DAY MASS TIMES

Sat 1st Jan – 8.00AM & 10.00AM

NO EVENING MASS ON THE 1st

Sun 2nd Jan – 10.00AM & 6.00PM

Offertory Collection for Christmas in aid of the Rosminians, elderly priests and seminarians. Gift aid envelopes available in the church porch. Please give generously, thank you..



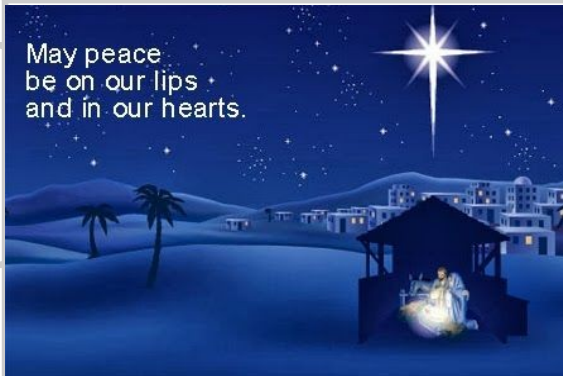
Sunday Collection Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £610.05

Coronavirus Update

As health experts continue to warn us of the Omicron variant, we will continue to have Covid precaution measures in place to ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe.

Our Lady's Chapel and Sacred Heart Chapel are for those wishing to socially distance. We kindly ask you to continue to be respectful, keep a safe distance in Our Lady's, Sacred Heart Chapels and in the Church especially during communion continuing with the one way system remembering to keep a safe distance. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church and face masks are strongly recommended by the Archdiocese. Please remember to sanitise hands after using pens etc. We will continue with stewards for the Christmas and weekend Masses to assist you. We will continue to monitor the pandemic and should we need to increase restrictions we will be guided on this. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

May peace
be on our lips
and in our hearts.



RECENTLY DIED

John McDonald

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Michael Connaire, Eleanor Flynn, Patrick Hannifin, Annette Todd, Ann Coughlan, Lily and Patrick McGrath, Derek Larkin

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Noel Hayes, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Viviane McSweeney, John Melia, Ginny Eves, Timothy Etherton, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Maureen Borg, John O'Brien, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O' Byrne, Mabel Clarke, Bernie Merrigan, Melissa and her unborn child.

BAPTISMS Please welcome into our church Olive Deacon who was recently baptised and Ryan Rosado who is to be baptised this week.