

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

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### WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH

We resume public worship again from Dec 2 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> national lockdown but not yet out of the woods. Below are some safety measures to keep ourselves and others safe:

1. Wearing of face covering is mandatory (except for those under 11 years or have pre-existing health conditions and disabilities). Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church. Avoid touching any surfaces. Always maintain the recommended 2-meter distance. Follow the instructions of the wardens on sitting arrangement, and Track and Trace.
2. Readers are required to use a single-use gloves or sanitize their hands before coming up to the lectern. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, and no physical sign of peace. Offertory and second collections are made in the baskets provided at the entrance as you enter or leave the church. Consider using the gift aid envelopes (ask any of the wardens) or opening a Standing Order (through the parish office).
3. Holy Communion can only be received in hands. Remain seated until directed by a warden to proceed to receive Holy Communion while maintaining social distance following the markings on the floor. Hold out your hands fully stretched out to receive communion standing and in silence. Adjust your face covering to put communion in your mouth before returning back to your seat through the side aisle.
4. At the end of the Holy Mass all depart through the side aisles following the markings on the floor and as directed by the wardens.

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 28 <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am – 11.30pm	11.30am - 12.30pm	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	Anne Platt RIP
Monday 30 <i>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Tuesday 1 December <i>Feast of Edmund, Martyr</i>			Private Holy Mass	The elderly of our Parish
Wednesday 2 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am	6.00pm	Holy Mass  Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament /Confessions	Tom and Clare Gibson RIP
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	The sick of our Parish
Thursday 3 <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>  <i>Migrants' Day</i>			Holy Mass	William and Catherine Gibson RIP
Friday 4 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Fred Coates RIP
	10.00am – 11.00am		Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament / Confessions	
Saturday 5 <i>Feast of Birinus, Bishop</i>  <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	4.30pm 5.00pm		Confessions Holy Mass	Michael and Mary Farrell RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Holy Mass  Confessions Holy Mass	Ken Boulton RIP  Evelyn and Norman Wood RIP

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Pauline Ann Mangan and the souls of our parishioners who passed on recently. May they rest in peace.

### **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

### **CONFESSIONS**

#### **Sacred Heart**

Friday 10.00am – 11.00 am (During Adoration)

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Sunday 9.00am – 9.20am

#### **St Joseph's**

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm (During Adoration)

Sunday 11.00am – 11.20am

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY**

#### **Sacred Heart**

Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

#### **St Joseph's**

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

### **FR STAN'S DROP IN**

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

### **PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in December to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For a life of prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### **2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION POSTPONED**

We had hoped that with the lifting of the Covid-19 second lockdown we would be able to celebrate the delayed First Holy Communion. But with the end of the lockdown comes the classification of our area under Tier 3 high risk of infection. In as much as many families and children are anxious to celebrate the First Holy Communion, we do not want to expose anybody to the virus. We shall therefore postpone again the celebration of this sacrament until, through the advice of the Government and our Diocese, we are able to celebrate it without risk to anybody. I appeal to those who may be disappointed by this decision to please bear with us. Safety first!

Please continue to use this period to deepen your understanding of the Holy Eucharist and learn some important Catholic prayers. Parents can help their children prepare adequately for the reception of the Sacraments. You are in my prayers!

### **RCIA**

Adults who wish to be baptized or baptized non-Catholics who wish to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil 2021 through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) should please contact the parish office.

### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

#### **NOVEMBER**

November 29 First Sunday of Advent

#### **DECEMBER**

December 13 Reception of the 2020 Confirmation Candidates at all Sunday Masses

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON FAITH ENGAGEMENT**

Individual Catholics have been asked to respond to the following open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin a Faith Engagement Review. This call for evidence opened on 13th November and will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on 11 December 2020. You may wish to respond to this consultation.

### **STANDING ORDERS**

As the Parish continues to struggle during these times we renew our appeal for Parishioners to set up standing orders for offertory contributions. Forms are available from the back of Church or our Facebook page. If you have mobile/online banking it can be set up immediately just contact Carol through the parish office contacts for more information. Thanks for your continued understanding.

### **THE NEWLY CONFIRMED**

All the newly confirmed parishioners are invited to attend Sunday Mass on December 13 in the Church where you were confirmed. You will receive your confirmation certificates and memento of your confirmation from our parish. We expect you also to be active in the liturgy of the day as an altar server, reader or usher/steward. I look forward to joyfully receiving you on that day. May God continue to strengthen you in your Catholic faith.

### **THE SOWER**

We have received some copies of the Advent edition of the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Magazine, The Sower. There are many interesting and Diocesan news in it. In a covid-19 compliant manner the church stewards will hand them to parishioners after our coming Sunday Mass. You can also source it online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>.

### **ADVENT RESOURCES**

*Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2020*, and Advent Christmas Calendars (for children) are available for collection in our churches. Let us reflect and pray together for a fruitful 2020 Advent Season.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for Poor Mission Fund next Sunday Dec 6. This fund is used by the Diocese to support parishes in difficult areas of our Diocese. Donations can also be made electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid: <https://www.mygivingonline/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8>

### **CATECHISM LESSONS**

All those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year but are not attending any of our Catholic schools should register for catechism classes through the parish office.

**Please pray** for all the students/staff of our parish schools and our parishioners who are isolating at this time.