



St Mary's Willenhall & St Joseph's Darlaston Parish Newsletter - 8th December 2018



MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH'S DARLASTON

ST. MARY'S WILLENHALL

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL MASS)

Saturday 8 th December	4-00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass	---
	6-00 pm	---	Margaret & John Colton. R.I.P.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 9 th December	9:00 am	David K Matthews. R.I.P.	---
	10-30 am	--	People of Our Parishes

Monday 10 th Dec.	10-00 am	--	Dec. Mem. of Withers & Bayley Families
	4-00 pm	Body of James E. Muckley received into church	
Tuesday 11 th Dec.	9-45 am	Dec. Mem. of Jones & Kemp Families	---
	12-45pm	Requiem Mass Mr James Edward Muckley	
Wednesday 12 th Dec.	No Mass	No Holy Mass [Year of Priests meeting]	---
Thursday 13 th Dec.	No Mass	---	---
Friday 14 th Dec.	10-00 am	---	Michael & Manon Mani. R.I.P.
Saturday 15 th Dec.	10-30 am	---	Adoration and Confession

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL MASS)

Saturday 15 th December	4-00 pm	Hannah Jones. R.I.P. [A]	---
	6-00 pm	---	Madge Price R.I.P.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 16 th December	9:00 am	People of the Parishes	---
	10-30 am	--	Caroline Rea & Eileen Daily. R.I.P.

TODAY'S MASS

Mass Readings	84	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
		6	11/12	65	24	56

HYMN NUMBERS

	Entry	Offertory	Communion	Exit		Entry	Offertory	Communion	Exit
	384	70	104	188		575	23	535	684

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 8 th December - Readers	M. Wilkes & C. Kemp	Mrs. M. Deeming & Mr. A. Daniels
	- Eucharistic Ministers	J. Page
Sunday 9 th December - Readers	J. Galt & K. Durkin	Mrs. P. Saunders & Mrs. M. Sims
	- Eucharistic Ministers	V. Waddell & R. Dalton
Saturday 15 th December - Readers	I. Gutteridge & I. Dawes	Mr. A. Daniels & Mrs. B. Hickman
	- Eucharistic Ministers	J. Myatt
Sunday 16 th December - Readers	C. Dipple & L. Galt	Mr. T. Boland & Mr. C. Sims
	- Eucharistic Ministers	S. Jones & V. Waddell

Confessions

Saturdays	Before Saturday evening Mass	During Adoration and before Saturday evening Mass
Sundays	Before Sunday morning Mass	---

Word of God this Week

Again, we hear about the coming "Day of Christ". John the Baptist, just as once before he "prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. We prepare for the coming of the Lord, flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that "all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital. We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week including: **Michael O'Connor, Beatrice Lockett, Ann Read (nee Differ), Reginald Crowther, Frank Daniels & Arastea Podesta.** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine...

"Our principle duty as Christians is to prepare others to live holy lives in today's unholy world." - **Fr. John Hardon**

PARISH NOTICES



Why not join us for a coffee, biscuit and a chat every Sunday?
St. Joseph's after 9 AM Mass and at St Mary's after 10:30 Mass – **every Sunday!**

Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars for Advent are available at the back of the church, Please take your copies.

Christmas Mass times are as follows:

St Joseph's: Monday 24th 4.00 pm (Children's Vigil Mass) Tuesday 25th 9.00 am. (Christmas Dawn Mass)
St Mary's: Monday 24th 8.00 pm (for Midnight) {7-30 Carols} Tuesday 25th 10:30 am. (Christmas Day Mass)

Nativity Play this year: Calling all Children of St Mary's & St Joseph's to take part in this year's nativity play on **Christmas Eve**. Please call 01902 618002 Alan & Teresa for details. Speaking & non-speaking parts available

Children's Liturgy: The Children's liturgy will take place during **Sunday Mass** at St Joseph's Church, Darlaston. Please send your children.

Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation Class: will take place **after Sunday Mass** at Darlaston.

Missio "Red Box": The "Year End" box emptying has now finished. Please pick up your empty from the back of the church.

Christmas Fair: Thank you to all who helped make last Saturday's Christmas Fair at St. Mary's a success. We raised the sum of **£605.29**. May God Bless you all.

Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols: We are holding a "traditional" Festival of Readings and Carols at 7 pm this **Friday 14th December 2018** in St. Mary's Church followed by light refreshments. Let's make this a preparation for the "Love expressed by God in the season of Christmas" by **inviting your family and friends along'**



St. Joseph's School Carol Service. St Joseph's School will be holding a carol service on **Monday 17th December** at 1:30 pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend and take part.

St Mary's Church Organ: The "historic" pipe organ at St Mary's is now undergoing a major repair / refurbishment, meaning it will be out of commission for several weeks (hopefully back before Christmas). I apologise for the disruption to our services that this essential work will cause. Any donations towards this MAJOR parish expense would be greatly appreciated.

Year 2019 - Diocesan Directory will be available from next week onwards. There is a limited number so will be sold on a "first come first served" basis.

Parish Calendar: Very good parish calendar with pen is available for **just for a pound.**

This Week's 2nd Collection: This week's 2nd is for the **Poor Parishes Fund.**

Bible Study Class: The next meeting will be on **Friday 21st December** at 3:30 pm in St. Mary's Church hall when we will be considering the **Book of Judith.**

Baptism: **Phoebe Elizabeth Hughes** is to be Baptised this Sunday **9th December 2018** at St Mary's Church, Willenhall after the Sunday Mass. We welcome her to our Parish Community. Please keep her in your prayers.

Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of James Edward Muckley will be received into St. Joseph's church at 4.00pm on this **Monday 10th December** and the Requiem Mass will take place at **12.45 on Tuesday 11th December** at St Joseph's Church, Darlaston. Please keep them in your prayers.

Collections etc.	<i>St. Joseph's</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>
Weekly Offering 1st / 2nd December	£269.31 (Gift Aid £114.00 & Loose £155.31)	£265.90 (Gift Aid £157.50 & Loose £108.40)
This Week's 2nd Collection for Poor Parishes Fund:		
Next Week's 2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers:		
100 Club Winner – 2nd December	No. 31 – Mr Paul Blue - Congratulations	
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