

ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK  
ST CHARLES BORROMEO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**First Sunday of Advent  
2 December 2018**



*Marc Chagall: Tree of Jesse 1975*

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# MASS TIMES



		<b>St Mary Immaculate</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
Sun 2	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm (Sat) <i>Thomas &amp; Edith Sheehan RIP</i> 7pm Adoration in Martyrs' Room 11am <i>John Thomas</i>  5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>The Yates family</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Mon 3	St Francis Xavier	9.30am <i>Antony Neuman</i> Requiem Mass	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Tues 4	St John Damascene	6.30pm <i>Daniel O'Leary &amp; family</i> 7.15pm Compline & Benediction	10am
Wed 5	St Birinus		<b>8.30am</b> <i>Derek Ankley RIP</i>
Thur 6	St Nicholas	12pm <i>PMF Ints.</i>	
Fri 7	St Ambrose	9.30am <i>Special int.</i> <b>Mass of the Immaculate Conception</b>	9.30am Exposition & Morning Prayer 10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Sat 8	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	5.30pm Rosary 6pm <i>Wellington Spada</i>	10am <i>PMF Ints.</i>
Sun 9	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	11am <i>Joseph O'Hagan</i>  5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>PMF Ints.</i> <i>Margaret Murphy RIP</i>
	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>5pm (Sat)</b>	<b>10.30am (Sat)</b>

**Mass: Advent 1C, Advent Preface, EP for Reconciliation II, Mem. Acc.1 Psalter Week 1**

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the promise of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - liberation. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

# GENERAL NOTICES

**Second Collections** 2 Dec SVP (at St Mary Immaculate). 9 Dec Poor Parishes Fund.

**School Carol Service:** The primary school is having a Carol Service on Thurs 21 December at 2.15pm. All welcome

**Advent Live Simply Soup Lunches** this Thursday after mid-day Mass (suggested donation £1). The proceeds will be donated to the Emmaus charity

**Foodbank** When you are shopping during Advent please remember the needy and perhaps purchase an additional non-perishable food item and place it in the Food Bank collections which are in the supermarkets. We also have a box in the Martyrs' Room at St Mary Immaculate. Produce will be taken on Thurs 13 Dec

**St Mary Immaculate Christmas Fair** Sat 15 Dec 11am - 1pm at St Mary Immaculate Primary School, Wathen Road. With lots of festive cheer, stalls, gifts, bargains, games, delicious refreshments and cakes, amazing raffle prizes and of course a visit from Santa - you don't want to miss it! Please do join us on the day, and if you have any donations for the fair then please pass on to Chrissie Beaumont, or do so via Fr Patrick.

**Churches Together in Leamington Walk** Newbold Comyn and Christmas Lunch on Sat 15th Dec 9.45 for 10am start. See the

posters in both Churches.

**Craft Sale:** on Sun 16 & 23 December after Mass in both churches

**Christmas Mass times:** 24 Dec: 6pm & 9pm (Warwick) 25 Dec: 12 midnight & 9am (Hampton on the Hill), 11am (Warwick)  
*There will be carols half an hour before the two night Masses; 9pm & 12am*

**First Holy Communion Programme** the initial meeting for candidates and parents has happened. There are 22 candidates which is the largest group that the parish has had for some time, thank you to all for attending. If you know of anyone who wants to join the group but missed the first meeting, please get in touch with the office or Fr Patrick ASAP.

**Thank you:** to all who offered to help with the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion program

**Altar Servers:** Mass on St Stephen's Day (26 Dec, Boxing Day) will be at 10am & especially for all servers of both parishes. During Mass medals will be given to those who have served for more than one year.

**Altar Servers' trip:** The new date for the London trip is Sat 12 Jan – please let Fr Patrick know if you wish to come.

## NOTICES - ST MARY IMMACULATE [stmary-immaculate.org.uk](http://stmary-immaculate.org.uk)

**Readers** 1/2 Dec Ann O'Flanagan and John Connor, John Grant & Jude Raper 8/9 Dec Darren Yam & Elizabeth Anderson, Emma Van der Schalk & Rachel Walton.

**Counters** 2 Dec group 3, 9 Dec group 4.  
**Offertory** £510.14 of which £223.00 was gift aid. Catholic Youth Service £244.61 of which £111.00 was gift aid.

**Sanctuary and Chapel Candles** can be burned for any intention (£10). This week the Sanctuary candle burns for a Family Intention.

**Traidcraft stall** will be open after mass this weekend, including Christmas Cards.

**Prayer Cards** Last week, to celebrate Youth Sunday, everyone at 11am mass was invited to take a prayer card with the name of a child or young person in our parish who we would love you to keep in your prayers over this year. If you weren't here last weekend or were at a different mass then please collect one from the basket at the back and keep that child in your prayers. Thank you.

**Sick and Housebound** Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish at home or in the hospitals/hospice and especially for Steve & June

Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Bridie Davies, Elizabeth Coleman, Anne Downes, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Graham Hardwick, Barbara Ivings, Catherine McCarthy, Kathleen O'Connor, Bernadette Narain, Agnes Pauling, Dorothy Richardson, Peter Schmidt, Betty Walters, Win Wigner.

**Maintenance Works** these have now started with repairs to the church and hall roofs. The light shining on the bell tower has also been repaired. Also, a number of specialist contractors have been invited to tender for the church internal decoration, which should commence in the new year.

**St Mary's Christmas Lunch** Tues 18 Dec all welcome. Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church and place in the box **by latest 9 Dec**.

## NOTICES - ST CHARLES BORROMEIO

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**Counters** 2 Dec Teresa Unitt & Clare Mayer. 9 Dec Angela Everitt & Karen/Bernard.

**Readers**. 2 Dec Damien Convey & family. 9 Dec Bernard Baxter & Clare Mayer.

**Offertory** 18 Nov £171.85 of which £106 was gift aid. Friends of the Holy Land £161.81.  
25 Nov £182.65 of which £108 was gift aid.  
Catholic Youth Service £68.19 of which £28 was gift aid.

**Sick and Housebound** Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish at home or in the hospitals/hospice and especially for Aidan Harris, Christina McClean, Gordon McClean, Catherine Parker, Christine Underhill.

**Bible Study** Mondays at 7.15 looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians

**Christmas Giving Tree** Helping the Homeless. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return your gift unwrapped to the Christmas Gift Box at

**Running the Traidcraft Stall** if you think you might be interested in taking over the running of the stall from January please have a word with Julia Lane (at the stall) to find out what is entailed.

**Parish Activities** There is a list of forthcoming and new activities on the notice board. We are hoping that these will be well supported and the list will continue to grow.

**Christmas Giving Tree** The Justice and Peace group invite you to take a tag from the Tree in St Mary's porch and donate a gift for a homeless person this Christmas. The items on the tags include clothing such as warm socks and sanitary items. Please donate new items only, which can be wrapped and placed under the tree with the gift-tag attached. These will be taken to the Leamington Winter Night-Shelter after the 4th Sunday of Advent.

the back of the Church. Your Gifts will be taken to 'Shelter' at Christmas.

**Carol Service** is on 9 Dec at 4 pm, all welcome. Money raised at the carol service will go to Friends of the Holy Land to help pay for a child to be educated at the Rosary School in Bethlehem.

**St Charles Christmas Lunch** at Warwick Arms Hotel on **Wed 12 Dec** at 12.30, £19.95 incl. 2 courses, wine, tea/coffee and mince pie. All welcome sign-up forms in both churches. Closing date 2 Dec.

**Live Simply Allotment** Work has started on the first beds but we need further help so please add your name to the sheet. Also, we are looking for planks and screws to make the raised beds. Please talk to Clare Mayer or Angela Everitt or contact the Parish Office.

**St Charles Tote** a monthly draw with cash prizes. Subscription is £2 per month. To join please see Nina Wood.

*Live simply tip – December: Recycle all the boxes & wrapping paper from your Christmas presents. Many charities will take your old Christmas cards*