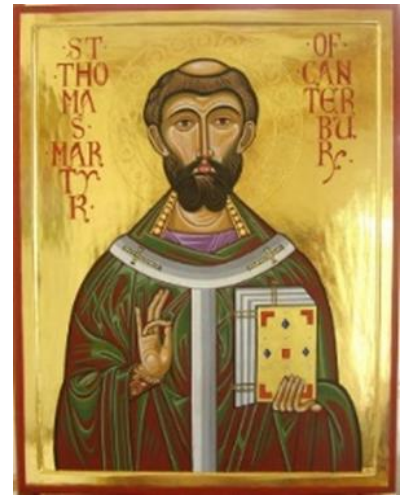




# The Catholic Parishes of



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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.

**ANIMA CHRISTI** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

<i>Weekly Collections 24/25 November</i>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Gift Aid Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Catholic Youth</b>
St Thomas's	£205.59	£204.20	£216.00	<b>£625.79</b>	<b>£215.41</b>
St Christopher's	£205.27	£190.00	£168.00	<b>£563.27</b>	<b>£288.57</b>

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>			<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>For the people of the Parish Eileen and Fred Curtis RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Holy Souls Hugh McManus RIP For the intentions of Samy and family</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Patrick &amp; Rose Kennedy RIP Mary &amp; John Walsh RIP</i>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
7:00 pm	St C	Eucharistic Service	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Advent Feria</i>
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Ted Jones RIP</i>	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</i>
10:00 am	St T	Eucharistic Service	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Advent Feria</i>
10:00am	St T	<i>Mary Gwinnett RIP</i>	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
10:00am	St C	<i>Ann Picken RIP Vicky Brown RIP</i>	
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>			<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>Advent</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	St T	<i>Morning Mass: Holy Souls</i>
<b>Retreat</b>	2:30pm	St T	<i>Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions</i>
	4:00pm	St C	<i>Exposition and Holy Hour</i>
	4:30pm		<i>Confessions</i>
			<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
5:30pm	St C	<i>Gallagher and Murphy families RIP For the intentions of Carol Bray</i>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Phyllis McKinnon RIP Ted Jones RIP Igor Subota RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>John Joyce RIP</i>	

**Remember in your prayers those who have died** Margaret Caddick RIP

Margaret's funeral has not been arranged yet.

May she rest in peace.

We pray also for her family and friends at this time.

**SICK LIST To comply with GDPR legislation, we have started the parish sick list afresh. As of November 2018, only those who have given consent will be on our sick list.** Consent is understood to be either from the person who is ill themselves, or if that is not possible (if the sick person, for example lives far away), confirmation should come from the person who asks for the name to go on the list to say that the said person is aware of their name being included on the newsletter which is also available online should people choose to access it via the website.

**A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK.** Zofia Stanislawski, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Kathy Barnwell, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr and Mrs JT Bogue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Patrick Murphy, Anthony Jones, Tony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Sr Zita SJT, Daphne Bassett, Elizabeth Allen, Peter Miller, Mary Gwinnett, Mahala Kimpton, Thomas Stephenson, Ada Watson, Gemma Walters, Emanuele Colabella, Jean Tennant, Patrick Kennedy, Franchisek Oplocky, Michael Daly, Doris Ashley, Margaret Jevons, Peggy Kearney, Wilfred Tavener, Emma O'Mahoney, Elizabeth Davidson, Bert Bloxham, Patrick Carville, Hilda Mottram, Jim Mason, Henry Emms, Catherine Rogers, Anne Kloda, Denise O'Donnell, Rev Michael Knight, Rev Hugh Molloy

### Dates for your Diary

Thur 6 Dec	Senior Parishioner's Mass & Christmas Dinner	St Christopher's	11.30am-3pm
Sat 8 Dec	Joint Parishes Advent Retreat	St Thomas's	10am-4pm
Wed 12 Dec	W'ton Chamber Choir, Charity Christmas Concert	St Christopher's	7.30pm
Sun 16 Dec	Joint Parishes Carol Service	St Thomas's	6 pm
Wed 19 Dec	Big Church Clean	St Christopher's	4 pm
Fri 21 Dec	Big Church Clean	St Thomas's	10am
Wed 19 Dec	Joint Parishes Reconciliation	St Christopher's	6.30-8pm

### Christmas Mass Times

Sat 22 Dec	St Christopher's	Vigil Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	5:30pm
Sun 23 Dec	St Christopher's St Thomas's	Morning Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.15am 11:15am
Mon 24 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Family Mass	3:00pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Christmas Family Mass	5:30pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Carols & Midnight Mass	11:30pm
Tues 25 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
Wed 26 Dec	St Christopher's	St Stephens Day Mass	11:00am

### JOINT NEWS

**Second Collection next weekend for the Poor Parishes.**

**Census Forms** available for you to collect and fill in. Please take one to people who you know are unable to come to church in our parishes and please return the completed form. Thank you  
**Joint Parishes Advent Retreat** at St Thomas of Canterbury, Sat 8 Dec 10am-4pm. The Theme is "Our Lady & St John the Baptist - Our Advent Companions" led by Fr Andrew Robinson from Oscott. Please add your name to the list. A £10 donation includes a light lunch & helps to cover costs  
**Thank you on behalf of 'Outreach for Wolverhampton'** for your amazing response to their appeal for spare balls of wool, hats, gloves & scarves for the homeless. Please continue to donate – Thank you  
**Reading Group** after Tuesday 7pm Mass, St Christopher's.

**Baptism Preparation** Anyone wanting their child to be baptised contact Matthew Bradbury, 01902 844701. Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 12 Jan, 9.45am.

**Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Fri 7 Dec, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com) For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

**Our own Joint Parishes Christmas Carol Service** will be at St Thomas's Church on Sunday 16 December at 6pm. Come along, take part and put yourself in the festive mood!

**Joint Parishes Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30-8pm, at St Christopher's – one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas.

**BIG CHURCH CLEAN** Please come along if you can to keep each other company and share out the chores – you never know, you might enjoy it.

St Christopher's Wednesday 19 Dec at 4pm and St Thomas's Friday 21 Dec at 10am.

**Wolverhampton Church Shelter.** If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email [churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com) for an application form or more information. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references.

**A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham** Sat 19 January, 8.30am – 3.30pm at Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA (no cost for this course) Please use the link to book a place <http://w.pfrms.co/2lttp>

**Newsletter Email** To receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to either parish office.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Meeting at St Christopher's** Mon 10 Dec, 7.30 pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc.

**If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

**SVP Carol Concert** is on Sunday 2 Dec at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 3pm in the school hall followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**SVP conference would like to thank** all parishioners for their very generous donations to the recent second collection. Please be assured that the money will be used wisely for the benefit of those in need.

## ST THOMAS'S NEWS

**Thank you** to all who supported the Christmas Afternoon Tea Party. We raised £580.00. A huge thank you to all the people who helped, we cannot do it without you! If you are able to help in any future events please see Fr Paul or Linda.

**Parking** - Please be considerate on where and how you park, we have had complaints that cars parked on the road corners make it impossible to see around the bends and is therefore dangerous. Hanover Court car parks are for residents only.

**We have noticed through the census forms that there are a number of people who are tax payers who have not yet signed up to Gift Aid their offerings.** If you are one of these parishioners please would you consider signing up as it costs you nothing and we get extra revenue. Forms are available from Fr Paul or Linda and at this juncture every penny counts!

**Church Collections** If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not, **the Sort Code is 560069, the Account Number is 60313595. Please see Linda if you have any questions.**

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

**This weekend Good Shepherd Relief in Need Collection** They need winter clothes & bedding chiefly duvet covers & sheets; kettles, microwaves, irons. **It's the last collection before Christmas** so if you are replacing anything with new they'd welcome & pick up large items including furniture. To collect large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Beds, sofas & chairs need to have fire labels). All donations will be taken on Tues 4 Dec, 9.30am

**Bazaar Bumper Raffle** - a chance to win ten days accommodation in Lanzarote in a family villa! Tickets, £5, on sale after every Mass. The draw will be in the hall on 24th Dec after 5.30pm Mass!

**St Christopher's Church Bazaar - Thank you** to everyone who supported the Bazaar in whatever way. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make it a success; to everyone who came on the day to take part in the festive fun, and to all who have been so generous.

**Church Christmas Cards** Can you spare the time to deliver some Christmas cards from the churches in Codsall and Bilbrook please? We have our quota of envelopes which are sorted by roads and need to be delivered. They are at the back of church – thank you.

**Christmas Lunch for the housebound, elderly and infirm** will be in the Church Hall on Thurs 6 December. Beginning with Mass at 11.30am, lunch will follow at 12.30pm.

**Volunteers are needed to put up the Christmas Cribs** Please could anyone come on Sat 8 Dec at 10am onwards to help to put up the two cribs. Many hands make light work, Thank you.

**St Nicholas's Christmas Tree Festival** will run from Fri 7 – Sun 9 Dec. Adults £3, Children free. Please see poster for times and details. Catherine Hughes and St Christopher's Tots Group are representing our church and have a tree full of their artistic talent.

**St Christopher's Tots** on Wed 12 Dec, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

**Wolverhampton Chamber Choir's Charity Christmas Cracker Concert** on Wed 12 Dec at 7.30pm, at St Christopher's Church in aid of The Haven, Wolverhampton. This charity supports women & dependent children who are vulnerable to domestic violence, homelessness and abuse.

**St Christopher's School have a two school vacancies:** SUPPORT ASSISTANT for 1:1 Support. PLAY WORKER for After School Club. Details are on the noticeboard.

**St Christopher's Primary School** Parents of children who are due to start primary school in Sept 2019 are reminded that they must make an online or paper application through Staffordshire County Council between 1 Nov 2018 & 15 Jan 2019. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate should be sent directly to the school. Any queries, please contact the school office, tel 297820.

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