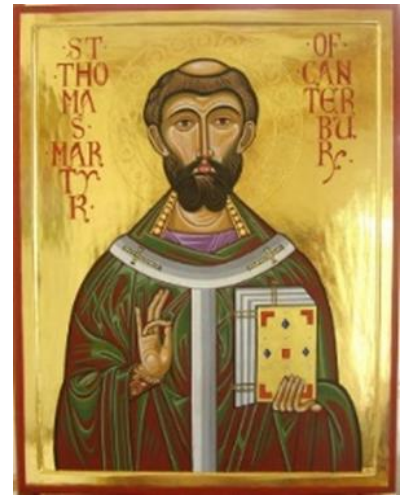




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Again we hear about the coming Day of Christ, and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - 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.

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 2nd/3rd December</i>	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Thomas's	£198.35	£291.90	£764.00	£1254.25
St Christopher's	£205.27	£190.00	£168.00	£563.27

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Diocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 8th December			<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Gallagher and Murphy families RIP For the intentions of Carol Bray</i>	
Sunday 9th			
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>	
Monday 10th			<i>Advent FERIA</i>
7:00 pm	St C	Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday 11th			<i>Advent FERIA</i>
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Jim and Norah Snow RIP</i>	
Wednesday 12th			<i>Advent FERIA</i>
10:00 am	St T	Holy Souls	
Thursday 13th			<i>Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>
10:00am	St T	<i>Mary Gwinnett RIP</i>	
Friday 14th			<i>Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>
10:00am	St C	<i>Tony Sturgess RIP Paddy Sweeney RIP - Anniversary</i>	
11:00am	St T	<i>Requiem Mass: Margaret Caddick RIP</i>	
Saturday 15th December			<i>Advent FERIA</i>
10:30am	St T	<i>Morning Mass: People of the Parish</i>	
11:00am	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>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
5:30pm	St C	<i>Burns and Clear families Helen O'Connor and family</i>	
Sunday 16th December			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Patrick and Mary Mullen RIP Patricia Burns RIP Mary Mahon RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Michael, Bridie & Joe O'Neill RIP Mary Quigley RIP</i>	

Remember in your prayers those who have died Margaret Caddick RIP
 Margaret's Requiem Mass will be at St Thomas's on Friday 14th December at 11am.
 May she rest in peace. We pray also for her family and friends at this time.

Dates for your Diary

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 th Sunday of Advent	5:30pm
Sun 23 Dec	St Christopher's St Thomas's	Morning Mass for 4 th 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 Stephen's Day Mass	11:00am

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 Stanislawska, 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, Margaret Hession.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Marjorie Page, Joan Tweedale, Peggy Butler, Phyllis Griffin, Thomas Leary, Joseph O'Dowd, Elizabeth Tetlow, Reginald Butler, Irene Blackstone, Hedwig Kurema, Maureen Hartness John Walsh, Charles Lewis, Michael Boyce, Peter Hogan, Paul Wootton, Mary Richards, Michael Williams, May Carter, Rex Parker, Bernard Swann, Mary Daly, Daniel Hogan, Henry Gwinnett, 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 Hugh Molloy, Rev Vincent Lucas, Rev Cyril Barlow, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Rev Fergus O'Connell.

JOINT NEWS

Second Collection this weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Second Collection next weekend for Christmas Flowers.

Census Forms available for you to collect & fill in. Please take one to people who you know are unable to come to church in our parishes & please return the completed form. Thank you
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 19th December, 6.30-8pm, at St Christopher's – one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN *St Christopher's Wednesday 19 Dec at 4pm and St Thomas's Friday 21 Dec at 10am.* Please come along if you can to keep each other company and share out the chores – you never know, you might enjoy it.

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
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.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter. If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email churchsheltervolunteers@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.

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.

A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sat 19 Jan, 8.30am–3.30pm, Don Bosco House, Coventry Rd, Coleshill, B46 3EA (the course is free). 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 THOMAS'S NEWS

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

Good Shepherd Relief in Need - Thank you for your overwhelming generosity as always.

Ann Reaney has sent an email continuing to ask for our help over Christmas. *"Please can you remind everyone over Christmas not to throw replacement items away i.e. if you have had new bathroom towels bring us the old ones!...we are always short of warm clothes & shoes for adults & children, and every baby item the congregation send goes to a family awaiting a baby in poverty. Please thank everyone for all they do. Being a city of sanctuary, we have far more than our share of refugees and they all need looking after as well as our own poor. Officially now 25% of all children under 16 years old living in Wolverhampton are living in circumstances less than child poverty criteria so that is why your gifts are so precious. Happy Christmas."* St Christopher's next monthly collection will be weekend of 5/6 Jan. To collect large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Beds, sofas & chairs need fire labels).

Archbishop Bernard Longley wrote to me to thank Mr Karl Babarczy, staff at St Christopher's School & our Catechist Mrs Anne-Marie Tunstall for preparing the children so well for the Sacrament of Confirmation; also Mr Karl Babarczy, the choir, Mr Dan Callow & Mrs Jane Souter for the beautiful music at the Mass & to the ladies who provided the welcome refreshments afterwards.

Christmas Lunch Thankyou to all who helped to make this a really successful & happy occasion.

St Christopher's Church Bazaar has raised a record-breaking total of £5120 for our parish.

Thank you for your generosity and support, it is very much appreciated.

Bazaar Bumper Raffle (10 days accommodation in Lanzarote) runs until Christmas Eve. The draw will be after the 5.30pm Christmas Mass. Tickets, £5, on sale after Masses & available from Carol.

We still have some Church Christmas Cards to deliver from the churches in Codsall & Bilbrook Please can you deliver some? We have our quota (sorted by roads) at the back of church, thank you.

St Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival Fri 7–Sun 9 Dec. Adults £3, Children free. Please see poster for times & details. Catherine Hughes & 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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St Thomas of Canterbury Safe Guarding	Angela Walker	01902 751197
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