

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At this time when we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, and the birth of that divine Person who, to do the will of his Father, came down from heaven to earth to die so as to redeem us, at this time when friends customarily exchange good wishes and prayers, I can certainly find nothing better to wish you than that God's will and yours, or rather ours, and that of all men, be one will alone, so that we may come to perfect unity. Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Next Week's Gospel Reading Third Sunday in Advent

Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." [...]

John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE IN THE FIRE?

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:16

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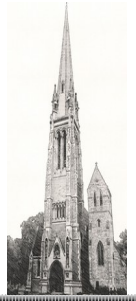


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Week starting 8th December 2018 Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1270.27

Second Collection today is for the Poor Parishes Fund. Please give generously. Thank you.

Christmas Market – Many thanks to all those who helped to organize and run the Christmas Market. It was a big success and a total of £2123.18 was raised on the day. A huge thank you to all who worked hard on the day and all those who donated towards the Market. As always, it is much appreciated.

Raffle Prizes: Congratulations to all our winners, who have now been notified by phone. Please collect prizes from the Parish Office.

1st Prize – £100 – Martin Kelly

2nd Prize- Coombe Abbey Tea Voucher- James Logan

3rd Prize - Jamesway Travel Voucher – Mr. A. Peck

4th Prize - Christmas Hamper – Martin Kelly

Winners of prizes still to be collected: J. Smallwood; Mrs. Donnelly; Teresa; Mr. Cuschier; W. Mitchell; B. Kelly; P. Smith; C. Diak-Evans; Mr. O'Donnell; Mr. Brentnall.
Christmas Luncheon – Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make Friday's Christmas Lunch a big success. Special thanks to Pat Gould and helpers for cooking such a delicious meal. Thank you Rugby school choir for the singing, St. Marie's Primary school children for the carols, thanks to drivers and volunteers and all our helpers at the table serving and preparing the table, flowers etc... and finally Sunday morning coffee club for meeting the expenses for the Lunch. Maureen and Maddie for contacting arranging everything. Thank you to all.

APF / Red Boxes – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return the collected money by Sunday 23rd December. Thank you.

Trees by the infant School wall- as you may all notice that Fergus and Eugene Deery have done an excellent job in clearing the accumulation of mud around the trees and clearing the branches growing by the lime trees. I am looking still for more volunteers to clear the branches growing around the trees. You may come and do them in your own time when the weather is better. It will be very expensive to build that wall if it is damaged. Please speak to Fr. Tom if you can help.

Confession before Christmas - please note the change of date: parish confession before Christmas will take place on **Thursday 20th at 7 p.m.** There will be priests from our deanery available to hear the confession. Please make the evening free.

Church Cleaning before Christmas- will take place on the 19th Wednesday after 10 a.m. Mass, if you are able to help with the cleaning of the church, please make yourself available in the morning. All are welcome.

New Readers & ministers of Communion rotas - are available in the sacristy if you can not print them. Thanks.

Sunday bidding prayers- are available for anyone to take home to pray during the week. They are left on the table in the old baptistery. Thank you.

A Very Warm Welcome to St. Marie's!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy & introduce yourself.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Halls after weekday or Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office opens from 09.10 – 12.40 on Wednesday to Friday

IN THE PARISH continued...

Eucharistic Adoration - Ends At 7pm On Monday 10th

December And Resumes On Monday 14th January.
Thank you to June Hargadon and all the volunteers.

Crib Service- Everyone is welcome to come along on the 24th of December at 2p.m. Children are invited to dress up as angels or shepherds etc. Please contact Juliet Green or the Parish Office for more information.

Diocese of Westminster Marriage and Family Life team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent.

www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity

Revive Carol service - Sunday 9th December Free admission with refreshments afterwards. Venue: Rugby Town F.C. Butlin Road, CV21 3SD.

Sharing Hope in Crisis-<https://billygraham.org.uk/rapid-response-team/training/> 'Especially useful for those who serve suffering people on a regular basis' Saturday 16th March 2019 | Maryvale Institute, Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG Cost: Free (donations can be made to help cover cost of host venue).

Looking for Volunteers - to paint the floor of our toilets in Coach House. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

U C M- Monday 17 the December at 7-00 pm is the shared supper & Carols at Hanover Gardens. Capitation fee of £16 will be collected at this meeting. Thank you.

Journey of Faith- meeting in Gentili House on the 11th Tuesday at 7p.m. onwards.

Help- in setting up the crib on the 15th Saturday at 10a.m

The Coach House- is open after Sunday 10am Mass for Christmas Cards, Calenders, cribs etc...Please visit.

HIBBERT'S KITCHEN- We will be serving a special Christmas dinner on Friday 14th December in Hibberts Hall and would like to ensure Parishioners know all are welcome. There will be dinner & dessert with a glass of prosecco or mulled wine and a bar on the night. Dinner is from 6pm @ £15pp. Please add your name to the booking form in the entrance of the Church or in Hibberts hall, alternatively you can call us on 07596265871 & email hibbertskitchen@gmail.com.

Parish Priest's Diary:

Monday:- Cardiff

Tuesday:- Meeting

Wednesday:- School Confessions/meeting

Thursday:- School Confessions

Friday:- School Confessions

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8th December - 15th December 2018

SATURDAY 8th December – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Catherine Costello R.I.P.

SUNDAY 9th December – Second Sunday in Advent

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Deceased members of the O'Driscoll Family

MONDAY 10th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Betty Kerry R.I.P.

Adoration 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the church. (Morning Prayer at 8:50 a.m.)

Mass at 7.00 p.m. for Private Intentions of Glavey Family
Oratory Mass- Kelly Family

TUESDAY 11th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Private Intentions of Fr. Tom

Oratory Mass- Vincent Ferdinand R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 12th December

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Tadeusz Was R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- For the Sick

THURSDAY 13th December – Memorial of St. Lucy

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mary Gillespie R.I.P.

Confessions for Polish Community 4:30pm-6:30pm

Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

Oratory Mass- All Holy Souls

FRIDAY 14th December – Memorial of St. John of the Cross

Mass at 10 a.m. for Pat O'Meara R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- Friends and benefactors of St. Marie's

SATURDAY 15th December

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Confessions 10 to 11a.m.

Oratory Mass- All holy Souls

Our Lady's Statue- if anyone wants to sponsor the statue of our lady you are welcome to do so. The cost of the statue is £250. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Derek Larkin, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Baby Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior. William Hearn, Gordon Henderson, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Sister Mary Francisca

† RECENTLY DIED †

Sharon Maston, Peggy Supka

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Peter Nelson, Thomas Murray, Jean Trimming, Rupert Nigam, Jorge Picarra, Betty Kerry, Mary Reilly