



St Winefride's RC Church

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Liturgical Calendar of the Week Sunday 19th December – Sunday 26th December

Sunday 19 th Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass</i> 6.00pm 9.30am Family Mass 11.00am	Margaret Veronica Povey (RIP) Parish family Larry Duggan (RIP)
Monday	Ferial	10.00 am	Christina Bickerstaff (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial	10.00 am	Joseph Kennedy (health)
Wednesday	Ferial	10.00 am	Sr. Marie Bernard (RIP)
Thursday	Ferial	10.00am	Patricia Hall (RIP anniv)
Friday	Ferial	Children's Carols & Christmas Mass Vigil Mass & Carols from 6.45pm 4.00pm 7.00pm	Sick and housebound All the deceased
Saturday	Christmas Day	9.30 am 11.00 am	Parish family NHS staff and private carers
Sunday 26 th Dec	The Holy family	9.30am Family Mass 11.00am	Mary Catherine Davidson (RIP) For all families

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday at 9.00am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 9.35am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm and Monday to Friday 9am to 9.45am

READERS	Sunday 18/19 December			Friday 24 December		Saturday 25 December		Sunday 26 December	
	6.00pm (Vigil)	9.30am	11.00am	4pm	L Hannaway TMcGlynn	9.30am	AM Millar M Corcoran	9.30am	T McGlynn
	K Ankers	AM Millar	A Cropper	7pm	J Tunstall H Jones	11am	A Radford J Tunstall	11am	J Tunstall
Weekdays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	A Cropper	K Powell	T McGlynn	J Tunstall	N/A	N/A			
Welcomers	Saturday 6.00pm M&M Branch, C Wright		Sunday 9.30am A & D Docherty		Sunday 11.00am P. Higgins, a Volunteer				

Penitential Act
 I confess to almighty God
 and to you,
 my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done
 and in what I have failed to do,
(striking breast)
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary
 ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Apostles Creed
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
(at the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated
 at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including:
 Dorothy Barber, Patricia Davies,
 Frances Wright, Rosemary Southwell,
 Pat Cummins, Sarah Alouane, Tony
 McDevitt, Ruth Murray, Ted Henesy,
 Dorothy Robinson, Shella Burrell,
 John Swann, Joe Hemington, Bill
 Williams, Joyce & Maurice McAsey,
 Judy Howard, Fr Paul O'Grady,
 Maureen Grace, Maureen Adams,
 Betty Davies, Barbara Evans, Eva
 Bennion, Sharon Wallace, Greg
 Cropper, Dorothy Strawson, Ronnie
 Phelan, Maureen Knox, Louise
 Dickinson, Joseph Kennedy.

*Please inform Parish Office
 if anyone needs to be put on
 or taken off this list.*

From Fr Francis: Life tends to become more hectic as Christmas approaches and our focus turns to preparing for our celebration with our dear ones. Perhaps in these remaining days of Advent it is a good time to pause in silence, to spend a few moments in the presence of the Lord Jesus, allowing him to open our hearts to reconciliation, forgiveness and love, to listen to what he might have to say to us. The church will be open on weekdays till 4pm.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a very Happy Christmas. It has been a challenging year and we continue to face mounting challenges. During this Christmas, may the gift of Advent - Hope, Joy, Love and Peace - be the ingredients of our celebration. May this season of Good Will flourish into the New Year. May we continue to grow as a parish family, making us stronger in faith. May we learn to appreciate one another more, and may we shoulder one another through the challenges to come. Deacon Mike, our parish secretary Jayne and I, look forward to welcoming you, your families and our visitors to St Winefride's and wish you a very joyful Christmas.

Christmas Masses: Thank you for completing booking forms for the four Christmas Masses. **Everyone has been allocated their first choice and the seating plan is available in church this weekend. Confirmation e-mails will be sent next week. Christmas Eve Mass 4pm is now full, but there is some space at 7pm and both Christmas Day Masses.** Benches will have letters (old church) and numbers (extension) denoting seating. During these Masses, when you enter church, do check in with a welcomer for guidance on seating and follow instructions for holy communion.

Readers at Christmas: **Christmas Eve 4pm L Hannaway, T McGlynn 7pm J Tunstall, H Jones**
Christmas Day 9.30am AM Millar, M Corcoran 11am A Radford, J Tunstall

Christmas cards are in the porch with Mass times and services. Please do take them for yourself, friends and neighbours.

Christmas Decorations: THANK YOU to all those who were able to come and help decorate the church last weekend. It looks absolutely beautiful. A special thanks to Sam for sorting the vast number of decorations that we had acquired over the years. If anyone can help on Monday and Tuesday at 2pm with the setting up of the nativity scene outside and finishing the hall, please come along – we'll meet in the office.

CWL Christmas Hamper Raffle: CWL will be selling raffle tickets this weekend at Mass. Tickets are priced £1.00 each. Raffle draw will take place after 11am Mass.

Church Flowers: This weekend (18/19th Dec) we will have a collection for the church flowers. If anyone does have any flowers to donate for church, please contact the parish office.

Piety Stall: Please remember there are still cards available to purchase from the piety stall which will be open after Mass.

SPUC: As we celebrate the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus, our group would like to wish you all a Joyous and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. A date for your 2022 diary: A welcome return of our Winter Warmer Coffee morning which will be on Saturday 22nd January, from 10 30am till 1pm. More details in the New Year.

St Winefride's School: We have received details of what the children have been up to over the past month and a copy of their activities with pictures is on the website.

Reflection: Tony Topping has sent through an Advent reflection which will be available to read on the website. Please also remember if you would like a copy of Tony's book "Love, Life and Faith" they are available from the parish office.

CAFOD: Afghan families are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance: food, water and shelter. Over half the country's population – around 22.8 million people – are facing acute hunger this winter, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has warned. Pope Francis has expressed his "unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan". He called for prayers "so that the clamour of weapons may cease, and solutions may be found at the negotiating table". CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. You can help at cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and praying for the people of Afghanistan.

SVP: Christmas Kindness Appeal This year the SVP have a Christmas Kindness Appeal running until 9 January 2022 to support those in need as parishes and communities continue to grapple with rising inequality. Every pound raised will be doubled and with gift aid will be increased further. You can donate at: <https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/page/93536/donate/1>

Meeting: The next SVP meeting will be Monday 20th December at 7pm in the church hall.

Caritas: The final amount received was **£60.00**. This has now been sent off. Thank you to all those who donated.

Collection: Please consider giving any offerings you wish to donate in the baskets as you enter church.

Health and Safety: Following the announcement made by the Government in relation to the new Covid measures, it is **now a legal requirement to wear face coverings in all churches and places of worship.**

We do already ask that parishioners wear **face coverings** when attending church, however, this is now required by law unless exempt. Thank you for your continued support. We still need to maintain distancing in the church, so please either sit or stand during the Mass, do not kneel. **If you think you may have symptoms, please do not attend church. Thank you. Please take your newsletter with you when you leave the church.** Please do **WRAP UP WARM** as doors in church will be open to aid air circulation.