

Saturday 14th Memorial of St John of the Cross Sunday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael <i>Patricia Nicholls</i>	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15th December 9.00am St Bernadette <i>Georgeanne Griffin & Arthur Abel RIP</i> 10.15am SS Peter & Paul <i>Julia Moroney RIP</i> 11.30am St Michael <i>Lewis Nelson RIP</i> <i>5.00pm SS Peter and Paul: Adoration and Vespers</i> 7.00pm SS Peter & Paul <i>pro populo (this is the last student Mass until January 26th)</i>	
Monday 16th Advent Feria 9.00am SS Peter & Paul School <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Vespers at 6.10pm St Michael</i> 6.30 pm St Michael <i>Mrs Griffiths</i>	
Tuesday 17th Advent Novena "O Sapientia" 9.30am St Bernadette <i>As Announced</i> 9.30am SS Peter & Paul <i>Bridie Hannon RIP</i>	
Wednesday 18th Advent Novena "O Adonai" 8.00am St Edmund's School <i>Holy Souls</i> 2.00pm St Michael's School <i>Michael Baker</i> 6.00pm St Bernadette <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	
Thursday 19th Advent Novena "O Radix Jesse" 12.00pm St Michael <i>Mel McNally RIP</i> 6.30pm - 8.30pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
Friday 20th Advent Novena "O Clavis David" 9.30am St Bernadette <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> 12.00pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Patrick Guiton RIP</i>	
Saturday 21st Advent Novena "O Oriens" 8.00am SS Peter and Paul Rorate Mass (candlelit) <i>Nellie & Harry Jones RIP</i> <i>Confessions 11.00-11.30am at St Michael's</i> Sunday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael <i>Walter, Norah & Baden Fellows</i>	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December "O Rex Gentium" 9.00am St Bernadette <i>pro populo</i> 10.15am SS Peter & Paul <i>Middleton, Crane, Grogan & Luetchford families RIP</i> 11.30am St Michael <i>Biddle, Lane & Duff-Cole families RIP</i> <i>4.00pm Nativity Play and Carols</i>	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 7pm - 8pm St Michael's Chapel Thursday 9.30-10.30am St Bernadette's 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm Friday: 4pm - 5pm St Michael's Chapel Padre Pio Group at St Bernadette's Saturday 10.30-11.30 St Michael's Church Wed 7.30pm- 8.30pm St Michael's Chapel	

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Gaudete Sunday Year A

Gaudete Sunday Blessing of figures of the Infant Jesus This will take place at the end of each Mass this weekend.

Advent Sacrament of Confession Evening Thursday 19th December from 6.30-8.00pm at St. Michael's, St. Anthony's, St. Christopher's, Corpus Christi, Our Lady's, Ss. Mary & John's, St. Joseph's (Wolverhampton), St. Joseph's (Darlaston), St. Theresa's & St. Patrick's. It is an opportunity to seek the Father's Mercy as a preparation for the great celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. During this time there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions.

Rorate Mass (candlelit) Next Saturday Morning in the Lady Chapel at SS Peter & Paul. This is an opportunity for quiet meditation with Our Lady before Christmas. All Welcome.

Advent Novena From December 17th the focus of Advent changes as it directs our minds to the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem. This is seen as the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies highlighted in great "O Antiphons" used in the liturgy of each day. For more information follow the links on our parish website. A venerable tradition is to make an effort to go to Mass each day of this novena as a spiritual preparation for Christmas.

A great way to help in understanding the Sunday readings is to attend **Lectio** every Friday Morning at 11.15 in SS Peter & Paul's Church.

During Advent our 3 churches are collecting for the homeless: hats, gloves, socks, scarves and small boxer shorts; 100g chocolate bars; crisps; sachets of instant soup and chocolate/coffee drinks; individual packets of tissues and baby wipes, roll on deodorants and hot water bottles. Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you!

St Michael's and St Bernadette's Youth Group thank you for this autumn's generous support of Mary's Meals' Backpack Project. Through your kind gifts of time and donations 40 backpacks are on their way to Malawi to help children go to school. ***Christmas Shortbread baking*** Sunday Dec 15th 5.30- 7, St Michael's Hall. (Youth Group Leaders invite years 6 and up to share their biscuits with others at this season.) Contact: mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk

St Michael's Academy Nativity and Carols, 2pm Tuesday 17th December at St Michael's Church. Free entry. Everyone Welcome!

Carols for Cafod Wednesday 18th December at any or all – 4:45 Wine Shop, Evans Street, 5:20 Eversleigh Nursing Home, Albert Road, WV6 0AF, 6:30 Abbeyfield Park Dale, Tettenhall Road, WV3 9PG. Please come along and sing with us!

SS Peter and Paul Edge Group and Children's Liturgy Nativity Play and Carols 4.00pm next Sunday 22nd December in church. Everyone Welcome!

Family 5.30 Christmas Eve Mass at St Michael's Parking: If you are able to walk, please park in Warstones Primary School. We are very grateful to the school for kindly offering their space for us. Remember, if you would like your child to take part in any way, please phone Teresa on 01902 766701 or email t.scragg@virgin.net

SS Peter& Paul Raffle Please return your stubs and money from the sale of tickets this week.

SS Peter & Paul 200 Club now is the time for you to renew your subscriptions.

Piety stall at St Michael's: Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards with a religious theme now available.

World Gifts This year, celebrate Christmas by changing lives around the world with World Gifts. The catalogues are now in the porch of each of our churches.

The Christmas Greetings Board will be in the porch at St Michael's for the next two weeks. If you wish to send Christmas greetings please write your message on the slip provided, pin it to the board and leave a donation (however big or small!) in the box. The donations will be used to buy sleep pods (costing £25 each) for the homeless.

Margaret Pennington & Family wish to thank all the parishioners and friends for their condolences, cards, flowers and Mass cards on the sad loss of her Mum, Winnie Edwards. God bless you all.

Support in Loss and Bereavement..... Please see the posters in the back of each Church for further details of professional help that is at hand.

Christmas Offering: The collection made over Christmas during all the Masses will be your gift to the clergy of the parish. Please collect the envelopes from the porch.

Upcoming events....

Free Epiphany Concert by the Wulfruna Ladies Choir in aid of children's charity Power Pleas, who will be joining us, on Saturday the 4th of January at 3pm in St Michael's Church. Refreshments and raffle during the interval. Details from Sarah 07948963325

Finances...

Church	St Michael	SS Peter & Paul	St Bernadette
Gift Aid	£328.75	£205.00	£115.00
Non-Gift-Aid	£419.81	£198.84	£140.47
Poor Parishes Fund £390.51			

Rotas...

Counting Teams	SS Peter and Paul St Michael	(A)Jim, Hazel, Carmel0 (E)Chris S, Ruth S (F)Maria M, Sucorro B
Cleaners	St Michael St Bernadette	Roy P, Margaret T, Chris C, (Friday at 10.00am) Gloria D, Brian D

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: George Brown, Mary Rowley, Claire Hallett, Chris Starkey, Tom Kirkpatrick, Ann Lewis, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Fr David Duggan, Stephen Briggs, Sandra Treanor, Hilary Elsdon, Fr Dawid Piskorz, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Mary Lawley, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Mary Landers, Olive Reilly, Nora McKennagh, Edith Dodd, Carl Winter, Bridget Hannon. **May they rest in peace.**

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