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| Saturday 30th Feast of St Andrew, Apostle Sunday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael Kathleen McCormack RIP | |
| FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December | |
| 9.00am St Bernadette <i>pro populo</i> 10.15am SS Peter & Paul McGee Family RIP 11.30am St Michael Phillip Rimmer RIP 5.00pm SS Peter and Paul: Evening Prayer to Launch the Year of the Word 7.00pm SS Peter & Paul Exam Success | |
| Monday 2nd Advent Feria Vespers at 6.10pm St Michael 6.30 pm St Michael Monica Blee | |
| Tuesday 3rd Memorial of St Francis Xavier 9.30am St Bernadette As Announced 12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday 4th Advent Feria 8.00am St Edmund's School Private Intention 6.00pm St Bernadette Gloria Dyce Birthday | |
| Thursday 5th Feast of St Birinus 12.00pm St Michael Ann Smith | |
| Friday 6th Advent Memorial of St Nicholas 12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Jim Wright RIP | |
| Saturday 7th Memorial of St Ambrose Confessions 11.00-11.30am at St Michael's Sunday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael John Moore RIP | |
| SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December | |
| 9.00am St Bernadette Breda Hennesey 10.15am SS Peter & Paul Scholastica Iberi 11.30am St Michael Winifred Edwards RIP 5.00pm SS Peter and Paul: Adoration and Vespers 7.00pm SS Peter & Paul pro populo | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Monday 7pm - 8pm St Michael's Chapel 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm Padre Pio Group at St Bernadette's Wed 7.30pm- 8.30pm St Michael's Chapel | Thursday 9.30-10.30am St Bernadette's Friday: 4pm - 5pm St Michael's Chapel Saturday 10.30-11.30 St Michael's Church |

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First Sunday of Advent Year A

Today we begin the Year of the Word: "The God Who Speaks" Prayer cards for the year are available at the back of each church. If they run out, the prayer is printed here:

*Living God, you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds
so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. AMEN.*

Please join us this Sunday 5.00pm at SS Peter & Paul for a special celebration of Evening Prayer to launch the Year of Word.

There are also free copies available of St Matthew's Gospel. There should be enough for one for each family.

Walk With Me booklets are available in the foyer. Please collect your copy.

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

Thank you to all those who organised, donated and visited the Christmas Fayre of St Michael and SS Peter & Paul. We have raised **£2250.85** which will be utilised for the development of the parishes.

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!

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.

SVP District Carol Service is on December 1st at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour starting at 3.00pm. There is a covered dish meal after the service. Everyone is welcome.

Please join us for the Good Shepherd Ministry Christmas Service at St Peter's Church (in the city centre) on Monday 2nd December at 6.30pm. Any gift you could bring for the homeless would be greatly appreciated!

St Michael's after Mass Coffee Service If you can help occasionally please see Sarah. Especially 8th December. Or call her on 07948963325.

CAR PARK at St Michael's: Please use the ***designated entrance*** (nearest the Penn Road) and ***do not ignore the "No Entry" signs***. The area nearest the church is shared with pedestrians and the dark nights in particular increase the hazard if cars come from an unexpected direction.

Day of Reflection "Spiritual Preparation for Christmas" at St Michael's Church on Saturday 7th December. All welcome to Adoration from 10.30am, rosary then hot drink and BYO lunch followed by a talk and prayers given by Fr. Brendan Carrick. 2pm finish. Hosted by Catholic Women's League. Details from Sarah 07948963325

SVP December Coffee Morning - please come along on Wednesday December 11th and enjoy a coffee or tea with us. Seasonal food is provided and we are delighted to have pupils from St Michael's Academy singing traditional songs and carols to us. Everyone is welcome, lifts provided if you need transport - contact David Spinks on 07544 960402.

"Family Christmas Mass- 5.30 Christmas Eve at St Michael's" Families from across all three churches are welcome, and we are particularly looking for readers, and children to help with the offertory. We also have some musical instruments for small children (if they are sitting near the front), to join in with the last hymn. If you would like your child to take part in any way, please phone Teresa on 01902 766701 or email t.scragg@virgin.net or pick up a form from the porch at St Michael's and post it in the envelope provided, or talk to one of the Children's Liturgy Group after 11.30 Mass."

Upcoming events...

Wolverhampton Community Brass Band present a Christmas Gala Concert on Saturday 7th December 2019 at 7.30pm at St Michael's. Tickets for Adults £8.00 and under 18s free.

Free Family Christmas Disco for all 3 churches. Sat 14th December 3pm-5pm. Music and party games with DJ Barry. Details from Parish Social Committee members or via Sarah 07948963325

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-October 2020: Seven Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

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.

Finances...

| Church | St Michael | SS Peter & Paul | St Bernadette |
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| Gift Aid | £359.50 | £157.50 | £139.00 |
| Non-Gift-Aid | £334.96 | £203.19 | £80.74 |
| Second Collection Catholic Youth Service: £372.22 | | | |

The next second collection 8th December Poor Parishes Fund

Rotas...

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| Counting Teams | SS Peter and Paul St Michael | (B) Rita, Maureen, Sheila (C) Steve B, Louise B, Jess B (D) Lewis P, David S |
| Cleaners | St Michael St Bernadette | Marie C, Wanda W, Richard W (Friday at 10.00am) Judith W |

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.**

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775,
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