

Mass Times: Sunday 2nd December 2018		
SM = St Michael    SSPP= SS Peter and Paul    SB= St Bernadette		
Vigil Mass	5.30pm SM	Terence and Eunice Cosgrove
SUNDAY 2nd	9.00am SB	Barry Wignall RIP (1st ann.)
December	10.15am SSPP	Rachel & Nick (Wedding gift)
	11 .30am SM	Peg Dunne RIP
	4.00pm SM	Vigil Reception Pat Nicholls RIP
	6.00pm SSPP	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Vespers
Student Mass	7.00pm SSPP	Pro populo
Monday 3rd	11.00am SM	Funeral Mass Pat Nicholls RIP
	6.10 pm SM	Vespers
	6.30pm SM	Family of David & Monica Blee
Tues 4th	9.30am SB	As announced
	9.30am SSPP	Delores Macari RIP
Wed 5th	8.00am SSPP	Holy Souls
Thursday 6th	Mass at Carmel at 9.00am	
Friday 7th	12.00pm SSPP	Nicola & Gigliola lafigliola RIP
Vigil Mass	5.30pm SM	Kitty Molohan RIP
SUNDAY 9th	9.00am SB	Pro Populo
November	10.15am SSPP	Oby Chalokwu RIP
	11 .30am SM	Peter Dodd RIP
	6.00pm SSPP	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Vespers
	Student Mass	7.00pm SSPP
Carmel Chapel	Mass daily at 9.00am apart from Tuesday at 4.30pm Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4.30pm	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
St Michael's Chapel	Monday: 7pm-8pm, Tuesday: 2pm-3pm, Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30pm, Friday 1pm – 4pm.	
St Bernadette	Thursday 9.30am – 10.30am	
St Michael's Church	Saturday 10.30-11.30	
SS Peter and Paul	Sunday 6.00pm -6.30pm	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: St Michael: Saturday 11.00am – 11.30am		
SS Peter & Paul's Church is open for silent prayer during the following hours:		
Tuesdays 8.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays and Fridays 10.30-3.30pm		

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### First Sunday of Advent (year C)

#### CELEBRATING ADVENT

There is a variety of activities in the deanery to help you mark this vital season of the year: There is an **Advent Retreat Day** at St Thomas More on December 8th and two **Reflection Services**, one Dec 2nd at St Joseph's and the other at Holy Trinity on 23rd December. See posters in the porch for details.

**During Advent** the liturgical colour is purple, expressing our time of expectant preparation to meet the Lord. At Mass there is no Gloria and this year we will use rite 3 of the penitential rite and say the Apostles Creed. There are special **Advent Cards** available to help you.

**Advent Reconciliation** There will be Adoration and Confessions across the churches of the deanery in during the third week of Advent. See the poster in the porch for details.

**Walk With Me booklets** with prayers and reflections for Advent are available in the porch. Please do take a copy and use it for your daily prayer during the season of Advent. If you are able to give a donation, please put it in the donations box in the porch.

**As an extra commitment to prayer, why not join us for Adoration and Vespers on Sunday Evenings at SS Peter and Paul?**

**THE SOWER is the Diocesan Newspaper** please find your **FREE** copy in the porch to keep up to date with Diocesan news.

**Sanctity of Life in the Womb** A law is going through parliament at the moment to decriminalise **All** abortions. Please write to your MP a.s.a.p. There is a draft letter on our website but if you do not use the internet there are some copies in the porch.

**Penn's United Advent Prayer will be the St Michael's Saturday Vigil Mass December 1st:**

Please come and welcome our guests with mince pies and hot drinks afterwards. Donations of biscuits and mince pies gratefully received.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** At St Michael's Sat Dec 1st, in support of Aid to the Church in Need's *Red Wednesday* (Nov 28th): wear red, answer "red"? See poster in porch. All from our 3 churches most welcome

**St Michael's and St Bernadette's Youth Group:** next session:, December 2nd. All welcome

**Sunday Evening Student Mass** Please note the last Mass before Christmas will be on December 16th. Student Masses will re-commence on January 20th 2019.

**SS Peter and Paul's Christmas Raffle** Please return ticket stubs and money in a named envelope as soon as possible. many thanks.

**Lectio Divina:** We meet at SS Peter and Paul at Fridays at 11.15am. All welcome!

**Knights of St Columba** - three of our parishioners from SS Peter & Paul have recently become members of this Order and will be officially initiated at the 10.15 Mass on December 16th at SS Peter & Paul. Please come along and support these men as they make their commitment to support our work. If you have any questions or are also interested in joining please contact David Spinks, 07544 960402.

**SVP Annual Carol Service** - this year will be at Our Lady of Succour, Cannock Road at 3.00pm on Sunday December 2nd. All parishioners are invited to this very enjoyable occasion.

**St Edmund's Catholic Academy annual Candlelight Carol Service** at St Michael's Church on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.00pm.

**Ecumenical Carol Service at Wombourne** will be on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Wombourne Civic Centre.

**Guild of St Stephen Mass December 26th** This year it is St Bernadette's turn to host this Mass at 11.00am for all servers from the three churches.

**Backpack Project:** Contents wanted: Please help fill rucksacks that send children to school: educational items (note paper, coloured crayons and sharpeners, erasers and rulers), hygiene items (small towels, wrapped soap, toothpaste and brushes) and small balls (not dog-balls, please, - they don't bounce enough!). Collecting across November: full list on Youth Notice Board in St Michael's porch. All donations (in cash or in kind) gratefully received. Thank you.

**The Good Shepherd Ministry's Care Service** is at St Peter's Church on Monday 3rd December at 6.30pm. If you could attend and take a present for the homeless from the list below you would be very welcome! Shower gels and deodorants; new socks and pants; new hats and gloves; 100g bars of chocolate. There will be a basket in the porch at St Michael's throughout Advent for any donations of tinned/ dried food or presents.. Many thanks!

**Funeral arrangements** There are some forms in the porch to help with arranging your funeral so that your own wishes may be carried out. More forms can be obtained at [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk)

**Job Vacancies:**The Archdiocese of Birmingham Education Service is seeking to fill in the following vacancies:

Catholic Senior Executive Leader for St Nicholas Owen Catholic Academy Company.

Deputy Headteacher for St Thomas More, Sheldon, Headteacher for Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Kingstanding, Vice Principal for St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy, Stoke-on-Trent, School Finance and Business Adviser for Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House and Lay Chaplain for St John Fisher Catholic College, Staffordshire.

Details are on the notice board.

**Catholic Trivia** Last week's answer: We do not know who wrote the letter to the Hebrews.

Scholars of Greek consider its writing to be more polished and eloquent than any other book of the New Testament. Scholars believe was written around 63 AD for Jewish Christians who lived in Jerusalem. This week's Question: What does Advent mean?

Finance			Counting Teams	Church Cleaners
	Gift Aid	Non-Gift-Aid	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Bernadette's Church</b>
St Michael	£289.63	£420.23	(B)Sheila, Rita, Maureen	B Dyce, G Dyce
SS Peter & Paul	£222.80	£213.83	(C)Theresa, Maureen,	<b>St Michael's Church</b> <b>at 10am on Friday</b>
St Bernadette	£142.50	£71.52	Mary	
Second Collection:Catholic Youth Service			<b>St Michael:</b>	
£347.37			(F) M McClure, S Baretto	Marla Caron,
9th December: Poor Parishes Fund			(A)P Richards, M Richards	Valsa, Margaret Tilly,

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**Jean Hollingshead, Michael O'Hara, Valerie O'Hara,Margaret Stokes, Beth Churn, Leah Nixon, Marie Hammond Pat Poole, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Teresa Mitchell, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**Patricia Ann Nicholls, Diane Joan Hitchen,Leo Gallagher, Kath Nicholls, Joyce Daly, Barbara Quigley,Mark Hinton, May they rest in peace.

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