



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

## **St. Patrick's R.C. Church**

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We live by faith in Jesus the crucified and risen Lord present in our world. In preparing for Christmas we want to renew our awareness of that presence and to help others be aware of it. In Advent we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the light He brings. In small but important ways we can bring light into the lives of those around us. Simple acts of kindness, sharing our time, talents or resources with those in need is the way Christ's light will shine for many people this Christmas.

*Mighty God as we contemplate the teaching of John the Baptist on our Advent journey, give us the courage to be faithful and to bear fruits worthy of repentance until your promises are fulfilled. Help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Saviour. May we live as he taught, ready to welcome him with burning love and faith. Amen*



**We will be celebrating our School Christmas End of Term Mass** in Church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am, this will be followed by Carols from each year group throughout the school and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please come and join us.

**Advent Liturgy and Christmas Concert . . .** You would be most welcome to join with pupils, staff and the wider community for Our Lady & St Bede's "Advent Liturgy & Christmas Concert" which takes place on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> and Tues 17<sup>th</sup> December (6pm start, tickets £1). Pupils will be reflecting on the theme of "We Are One" and all money from ticket sales will be donated to the Significance Charity, set up in 2017 by the late Fr. Dermott Donnelly. All tickets can be purchased online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede)

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . .** A number of conscientious volunteers need help to run parish affairs. The majority are ageing and it is time for others to offer their services. They need support!! If you are prepared to help in any way, please put your name on the sheet in the porch. Thank you.



**St Patrick's Men's Club invite you to their Christmas Dance featuring 'Striking Back'** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 8pm-11pm. Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Please bring your own food and drink, contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6.

**SPUC Club Draw . . .** The next SPUC Club Draw will take place this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December following the 9am Mass. Any outstanding monies can be given to Christine, Maurice or Eileen. Many thanks.

**Christmas Church Cleaning . . .** The Christmas church cleaning will take place on Monday, 23 December after the 9.15am Mass! Any help will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The new Parish e-mail address is [stpatricks.stockton@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:stpatricks.stockton@diocesehn.org.uk).

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent			
15	Sunday	9.00am	Cain & Joynes Family
16	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Cath Callaghan Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
17	Tuesday		
18	Wednesday		
19	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
20	Friday	9.15am	Special Intention
21	Saturday	9.15am	Tony McCormack & the McCormack Family
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent			
22	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Norma Mazey ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Patrick Casey (PJ), Ronald Healey, Denis Casey, Winifred Heal, Audrey Gooding	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Joan Hunton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



The third week of Advent we remember the gift of Joy we have in Christ. We remember the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her. When we light the third candle we remember that Christ came to bring true and everlasting joy to all people.

#### **Pope's Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## **Christmas Masses and Carol Services**



**St. Patrick's RC Church** (Christmas Eve)

**Carols ~ 6.00pm**

**Vigil Mass ~ 6.30pm**

**St. Mary's RC Church** (Christmas Eve)

**Carols ~ 11.30pm**

**Midnight Mass ~ 12.00**

**St. Cuthbert's RC Church** (Christmas Day)

**Mass ~ 10.00am**

**Sacrament of Confession** after 9.00am Mass on Sundays during Advent.

**Masses on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December & Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December** will be at 10.00am and also Mass on New Year's Day will be at St. Patrick's RC Church at 10.00am.

**Carmel College Centenary Celebration: Mass of Thanksgiving**, Drinks Reception, and Concert. You are invited to a truly special evening celebrating 100 years of providing outstanding Catholic education. Date: Tuesday, 17th December, Time: 6:00pm, Location: Carmel College Highlights of the Evening: Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Stephen Wright as Principal Celebrant; Blessing and reveal of our centenary timeline; Drinks Reception and Canapés; Explore the St. Mary's/ Carmel Archives showcasing our rich history. Centenary Concert celebrating our journey over the past century. Mass is free to attend but please reserve your seat to help us plan. Reception, Blessing & Concert: £8 per ticket. All proceeds go towards our Carmel Centenary Fund, helping our students 'live life to the full' for the next 100 years and beyond! Reserve your tickets now: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/carmel/t-rpoxqdm> Spaces are limited—don't miss this memorable celebration!