



**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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 NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AE**
and
**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH,
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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A
 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT : 15th - 21st December 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)**

<p>Saturday 14th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent; Year A</i> 4:30pm: Mass; Des Burrows & Family (Gildea Family) 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Ann Roe RIP (Langdon)</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p>
<p>Sunday 15th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent; Year A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Jean & Len Hedge RIP (Castor) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Waclaw & Stanislaw Roslaniec RIP 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction</p>	<p><i>7th / 8th December 2019</i></p>
<p>Monday 16th December: <i>Advent Feria</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Jean Boardman (Sinclair) 9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th December: <i>Advent Feria</i> 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls (November Dead) 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 18th December: <i>Advent Feria</i> 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 9:30 am; Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Second Collection THIS WEEKEND for the Poor and Needy Parishes</i></p>
<p>Thursday 19th December: <i>Advent Feria</i> 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Private Intention</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Canon Colin Taylor, and Evelyn Venning.</p>
<p>Friday 20th December: <i>Advent Feria</i> 12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS 1:00 pm: Mass; Nancy Burrows RIP (Cookson)</p>	
<p>Saturday 21st December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year A</i> 4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS 4:30 pm: Mass; Anthony Diamond RIP 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Joe Delaney RIP (Curtis)</p>	
<p>Sunday 22nd December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David Morgan Jnr RIP 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction</p>	<p><i>Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to fcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.</i></p>

ROTAS:	4:30 pm	9:00 am
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	M Sully	A Horgan
Next Week:	T Johnston	R Marlow
Offertory:	J Brennan & J Fox	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	M Calladine	Next Week: M Castor & M Neale
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: -
	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT
Church Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Hall Cleaning:	Maggie, Maria & Adrienne	Next Week: Arnd, Nuala & Alessia
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Louise Whitham*, who died on *7th December 2019*. Louise's body will be received into Church on *Sunday 29th December 2019 at 4:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 30th December 2019 at 11:00 am* followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. Also *David Russell* who died recently. David's body will be received into Church on *Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 5:00 pm* and his Requiem Mass will take place on *Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 10:30 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

MASS TIME CHANGES: from the *first Saturday in the new year (4th January 2020)* the number of weekend Masses will be reduced from four to three. This means that there will be only one Vigil Mass on Saturdays from that date onwards. The Saturday Vigil Mass will be at the Assumption Beeston, with the time yet to be decided. I would welcome any comments regarding a preferred time for this one Vigil Mass. Sunday Masses will not change and will remain at the same times.

POOR CLARES: Mother Damian sends her sincere thanks for the donations we have sent from our Parish. Now that there are 17 sisters at the Bulwell Monastery our continued support is even more important. The Christmas visit to the Sisters will be on *Monday 23rd December 2019* which is a little earlier than usual but this means that our gifts and donations will help the Sisters to celebrate Christmas. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: Last weekend was the final Fair Trade sale of 2019 and this year the Parish has raised **£ 224. 27** for Mary's Meals through the sale of Fair Trade goods. Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year. We start 2020 sales *25th / 26th January 2020* and again we will be donating any profit to Mary's Meals.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON CLUB: *This Thursday, 19th December 2019 at 1:00 pm:* Christmas Lunch. For tickets please contact Geraldine (0115 925 9828).

ADVENT ADORATION – MEETING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST: Thanks to those who have been in the Adoration Chapel over the last week. If you haven't yet taken part, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/aaadore>. If you are not sure what to do in an hour of adoration, simply ask! Sign up for an hour – or more! – on our rota, to make sure someone is in the Chapel, with Christ in the Eucharist, every evening during *Advent from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm*. Of course, you can come along without signing up – the Chapel is always available – but if you do sign up we'll know that someone will definitely be there. There's just a small group of us who will try to cover any gaps, so it is important for us to know what is covered!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in *January 2020*. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please speak to me as soon as possible about enrolling in the preparation Classes.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas Tree will soon be put up in Church in its usual place near the Lady Chapel. As we did last year and, in the spirit of the Christmas Tradition, we will try to put some presents under the tree, remembering those in particular for whom Christmas is not going to be such a joyful time. It is hoped therefore that these presents would be particularly useful to the needy and homeless and we can pass them on to the Canaan Trust. If we could make an appeal then, for things such as hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, hygienic wipes, combs and deodorant. These items do not need to gift wrapped as they can then be more easily sorted and distributed.

<i>Times of Masses and Services for Christmas</i>	
Tuesday 24th December:	The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
Carols before Mass (Assumption):	4:00 pm; Music Group
Vigil Mass for Christmas	4:30 pm; Nancy Burrows RIP (Walton)
Vigil Mass for Christmas (St Francis):	6:30 pm; Winifred Lally RIP
Wednesday 25th December:	The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
Carols before Mass (Assumption):	11:30 pm; Choir
Midnight Mass for Christmas	Midnight; Pro Populo; People of the Parish
Christmas Morning Mass:	9:00 am; Bob Solloway RIP (Lowe)
Christmas Morning Mass:	11:00 am; Ann Roe RIP