

**St Catherine's & St Patrick's Churches**  
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**18th December 2022; Fourth Sunday of Advent**



<b>Saturday</b>	17th	5.00pm	Sienna & Shanira Onfroy	
<b>Sunday</b>	18th	9.00am 11.00am	Janet Roynane Gene Yates	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Monday</b>	19th	9.15am	Patrick Mary Murphy	St Anastasius I Pope
<b>Tuesday</b>	20th	9.15am	Margaret Cotter (St Pat's)	Weekday
<b>Wednesday</b>	21st	9.30am	Dead List ( <b>St Catherine's School</b> )	St Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor
<b>Thursday</b>	22nd	9.15am	Friends and Benefactors	Weekday
<b>Friday</b>	23rd	9.15am	Joseph Butler	St John of Kanty, Priest
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Thelma Curtis Blanche Watson ( <b>St Pat's</b> ) Margaret McCarthy	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	George Mervyn Myrtle Carol Middleton Anthony Julie Butler	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:** Pauline-Annette Neita (St Catherine's) Mc Grath Family (St Patrick's)

**SACRED HEART LAMP** Chindeka Family (St Catherine's) Beaumont Touhey (St Patrick's)

**SICK:** Tony Mason; Alan Fonseca; Mary Sutherland; Sr. Nativity; Kath Lees; Ruthlyn King; Alfred Alexis; Michael Mc Donagh; Terry Maloney; Tony Murphy; Susan Thomas; Eileen McKermitt; Fiona Tarpey; Margaret & John Whitehead; Christopher Browne; Herbert Gorman; Angela Guest; Greg Beaumont Dilsha Varghese; Nichola Butler; Fr. Glenn Morris.

**LATELY DEAD:** Peggy McGloin; Margaret Barber;

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Claude Jacob; Peter Lamb; Peter Molloy; Frances Donegan; Constance Osbourne; Margaret Sievwright Kathleen Mitchell; Sienna & Shanira Onfroy; Johnson George; Joseph Phillips; John Bond; Annie Whitham Winnifred Platts; Madeline Healey; Lily Ryan; Hilda Maiden; Mary Burke; Madeline Wild.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Collect:** Pour forth; we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** **A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7: 10-14**

*The maiden is with child*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God –is-with-us"

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSE:**

**Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory. Ps. 23: 1-6. 7-8 R/ cf. vv.7-10**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its people  
 It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R/**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?  
 The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.. **R/**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.  
 Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

**Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 1: 1-7**

*Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ.

To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us' Alleluia

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24**

*Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ACCLAMATION:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Having received this pledge of eternal redemption. we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Last Week's Collection. St Catherine's £ 225.69 Last month's Standing Order £788.00**

**St Patrick's £ 222.58 Last month's Standing Order £671.00 Thank you**

**An appeal:** To all Gift Aid Donors: Please consider donating through Standing Order from January 2023. Please take the Forms from Anne Mallon at St Catherine's and from Pat McGrath at St Pat's It will be greatly appreciated.

**ST WILFRID'S CENTRE:** require the following:

1. Squash; 2. Corned Beef; 3. Pasta Sauce; 4. Condiments. i.e. Mayonnaise, Relish etc
5. Washing up Liquid. **N. B.** If you wish to donate...please bring the above mentioned articles only. Thank you.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT AND SACRED HEART LAMPS: January to December 2023.**

**Please write the name/s of your loved ones. £5.00 per slot.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Masses on weekdays at St Catherine's will be celebrated in the Presbytery

**NEW HYMN BOOKS:** St Catherine's now has New Hymn Books. Thanks to all those who helped donate them. A word of caution; **PLEASE** take care of the books; and ensure that children do not use them as a play thing.

**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Please present Poinsettias to the Church for Christmas as you did before. It would be ideal if you brought this to Church. Thank you.**

We are supporting **St Wilfred's Centre** in their 25 days reverse advent calendar collection where we will donate special items just for the Christmas period. The items include, a bag of sweets, a bar of chocolate a can of custard, packet of biscuits, tin of peas , packet of tissues , packet of sugar, box of cups soup, pot noodle , packet of instant mash, tin of meat casserole, a bottle of fruit squash , roll on deodorant, tin of potatoes Money donations include £1 for a sandwich, 20 pence for a coffee, 30 pence for a shave ,20 pence for a cup of tea, 50 pence for a shower, £1 for a laundry tumble dry, £1 for a toasted sandwich, 50 pence for a hot soup, £2 for a 2 course hot meal. All food donations should be placed in the red box at the back of church, money donations should be placed in the wall box above the food box

We are told these donations will make a real difference to the clients of St Wilfred's so please give generously.