

St Catherine's & St Patrick's Churches
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25th December 2022; CHRISTMAS DAY



Sunday	25th	9.00am 11.00am	George Mervyn Myrtle Carol Middleton Anthony Julie Butler	CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday	26th	10.00am	Craig Murphy	St Stephen
Tuesday	27th	9.15am	Molly & Eugene O'Connor (St Pat's)	St John the Evangelist
Wednesday	28th	9.1am	Mat Mary Butler	Holy Innocents
Thursday	29th	9.15am	Mary Lynch (St Pat's)	St Thomas Becket
Friday	30th	9.15am	Chindeka Family	Holy Family Jesus, Mary Joseph
Saturday	31st	9.45am 5.00pm	Ken Bolsover; Annie Connelly/Dennis Whelan	St Sylvester
Sunday	1st	9.00am 11.00am	Philip Melia Arthur Gregory	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

A Happy & Holy Christmas to everyone in the Parishes. May God bless all of you and your families.

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: George Middleton (St Catherine's)

Suma Devasia (St Patrick's)

SACRED HEART LAMP Lynch & Connelly (St Catherine's)

McGrath Family (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; Craig Murphy; Patrick Taylor. Kevin Murphy

LATELY DEAD: Ken Bolsover; Peter Allan; Rebecca Nweke; Philip Melia; Peggy McGloin; Margaret Barber.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Mattimore; Teresa Szurko; Janet Shingleton; Margaret Hackett; George Middleton; Ethel Watson; Denis Whelan; John Conneally; Samuel Dignam; Johanna Duggan; Dennis Koroma; May Galland; Michael Lenaghan; Ian Sturrock; Jean Pashley; William Flanagan; Edwin Shepherd; Joyce Kenning; Ellen Duggan

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Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Collect: O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. 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 52: 7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see Yahweh face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for Yahweh is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE:

Ps. 97: 1-6. R/. v.3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth ring out your joy. **R/**

Sing songs to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R/**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1: 1-6

God has spoken to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father;[*a] or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me

Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 1: 1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me'.

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace,

since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Last Week's Collection. St Catherine's £ 470.67 Last month's Standing Order £788.00

St Patrick's £ 321.00 Last month's Standing Order £671.00 Thank you

ST WILFRID'S CENTRE: 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.

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

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

CCTV Cameras: A second Collection will be taken at St Catherine's at weekends to help procure equipment.

St Patricks' School thanks all the 19 Parishioners who attended the School Lunch on the 21st of December in the Mc Auley and the wonderful donation, towards feeding every child a free hot dinner everyday. The School and Father Albert are now inviting anyone who would like a hot meal once a month in St Patrick's School starting in January 2023. It will be the last Friday of every month unless the school is on holidays. If you are interested please contact Krysha Caterer or Father Albert as the School need to know numbers in advance.