

# Welcome to Saint Bernadette's Church

# Mass Times and Intentions: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (A)



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Parish Centre rooms to hire

If you would like to book the Parish Centre hall or one of the three

meeting rooms please

Email: stbernadettesparishcentre@gmail.com

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Registered No: 1134449 Co Registration No: 715164

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent	Fr. Aiden Gilman RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	11:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:30 am	Advent Feria	Thomas Puliurumpil RIP
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	Mass at Holy Souls	-
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of The Nativity of The Lord	Michael Keane RIP
Christmas Eve	10:00 pm	Mass during the Night	Family and Friends
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	9:00 am	The Nativity of The Lord	Pro Populo
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	Feast of Saint Stephen	Maureen O'Brien RIP
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	-	No Mass	-
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	Mass at Holy Souls Feast of the Holy Innocents	-
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast of The Holy Family	Sheilagh Roberts RIP
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 am	Feast of The Holy Family	Pro Populo

Mass Time	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Readers Rota
21st: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass	T. K. O'Boyle, V. Parulis, D. Sidaway	L. Robertson, C. Robertson
22 <sup>nd</sup> : 11:00 am Mass	N. Riley, S. Strong, M. Strong	I. Norman, S. Hughes
24 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas Eve	To be confirmed	G. Wall, P. Hayne
25 <sup>th</sup> : 9:00 am	To be confirmed	M. McDonald, K. Newman
28th: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass	J. Lowden, M. Waldron	S. Cave, S. Blackburn
29 <sup>th</sup> : 11:00 am Mass	P. King, W. John, D. Sebastian	J. Sony, M. Settle

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is closed for the Christmas holiday and will re-open on Monday 30th December at 9:00 am

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of The Christ Child at Christmas. Why not consider coming to Confession this Advent to cast out our sin so that The Christ Child may enter in.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

Saturday 5:20 pm - 5:50 pm

Christmas Eve 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

# The Canon Comments 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

As we hasten towards the celebration of the Nativity of The Lord this coming 25<sup>th</sup> December I have been reflecting on the last three months since I arrived here on 14<sup>th</sup> September. I think you would agree that much has happened in our four parishes, some expected, and perhaps at times some unexpected! Both Fr Liam and I are extremely grateful to you all for your prayers, support, understanding and patience over this period as we adapt to the changes that have taken place. The dust, as they say, is still settling! I confess that what has moved me personally has been the friendliness of all, this I know has helped me greatly to settle into my role as Parish Priest, and I know Fr Liam shares the same sentiments.

As we look back on the year that has passed and look forward to the year that is to come, may we do so with faith in the Lord, and continue to support each other with prayer and care of each other's needs. Our mission will continue to be as it always has, to spread the Gospel Message and share the peace of the Christ Child whose birth we once again celebrate.

With every good wish to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely

Canon Geoffrey

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion

The new rota for 2020 is available for collection from the Church Narthex.





**Please pray for** the sick and housebound in our parish. Please pray for our deceased family and friends, particularly those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

#### **Children's Christmas Gift Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this appeal. The response was wonderful and greatly appreciated. The presents have all been collected and will be distributed to a family in need.

If you or a member of your family is in hospital or in a residential care home, please let one of the priests know if you would like a visit or contact

St. Bernadette's Presbytery on 01724 844895

## Last weekend's collections

Standing Orders £650 (weekly average)
Loose plate £252.45

Loose plate £252.4 Envelopes £162

# Second Collection Last weekend

Raised £448.50 for the Poor and Needy Parishes

Our sincere thanks to all parishioners who continue to give so generously to the Parish.

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Please note**: there will be no teas, coffees or refreshments being served in the Parish Centre after the 11am Mass.

#### Getting Married in 2020

For couples hoping to marry in this church (or another Catholic church) at least 6 months' notice is required prior to the marriage date. For more information please contact your Parish Priest. Couples also need to attend an obligatory one day marriage preparation workshop 'Preparing Together'
For further information and details of future workshop dates and venues telephone: 0800 389 3801
or visit the website: https://www.marriagecare.org.uk

### **Christmas Offering**

The Christmas Offering collections taking place during the Masses held on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day are your gift to Canon Geoffrey and Father Liam.