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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 27 November

8.30am
10.30am

First Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: People of the Parish
Mass intention for: Deceased members of
The Catenian Association

Monday 28 November

No public Mass today

Advent Feria

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 29 November

10.00am

Advent Feria

Mass Intention for: Doreen & Bernard Millard R.I.P.

Wednesday 30 November

10.00 am

Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

Mass Intention for: Deceased members of the
O'Sullivan family

Thursday 1 December

11.00am

Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

Mass Intention for: Roger Adey R.I.P.

Friday 2 December

11.00am

Advent Feria

Mass Intention for: Andrea Barker R.I.P.

Saturday 3 December

10.00am

Memorial of St Francis Xavier

Mass Intention for: Joan & Austin McKay
in thanksgiving

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 4 December

8.30am
10.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: Leonard Gilbert R.I.P.
Mass intention for: People of the Parish

There will be a second collection on this date for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Anniversaries in November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Denis Lovekin (1984), Edna Mercer (1983), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders, Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008), Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008), James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012) Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019), Sean McDermott (2021), Roger Ephraims (2021)

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In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:

Deirdre Brookes, Lionel Cornish, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Clare Saich, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Karen Wright.

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In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased parishioners

John Newton

(John's funeral will be held at St Mary's on Friday 9 December at 1.15pm)

Ian Frith

Andrea Barker



... for all your offerings and donations.

Thank You!

Contributions to the Parish: 13 - 20 November

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£117.00
Loose cash:	£181.85
Second collection for the Catholic Youth Service:	£234.75

Direct Debit, forms are available from the table in the porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS on **SUNDAYS** will be taken in the pews. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**

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COVID PRECAUTIONS: Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests that we still 'Consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces'. In addition, if members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a 'Please Leave Space' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Valerie Nolan, sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:

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EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house.



Wyre Forest

HOME-START is a national organisation offering support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children in local communities, offering a unique service delivered by trained and supported local volunteers, who visit families at home to offer informal, friendly and confidential support. To help give children the best possible start in life, Home-Start supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community, to promote better outcomes for parents and children.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped)** presents for young people aged 0-18 years. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 11 December** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf. **THANK YOU** in anticipation!

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During the **MONTH OF NOVEMBER**, we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. If you wish to have your departed remembered at Masses during the month of November please use the envelopes and inserts available in the Church Porch and place them in the basket provided. No monetary donation is required.

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To help you plan ahead for **CHRISTMAS**, services at St Mary's will be as follows:

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

10.00 am	Mass
6.30 pm	Carol Service
7.00 pm	Solemn Mass of Christmas (Formerly Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Sunday 25 December

8.30 am	Mass (with carols)
10.30 am	Mass (with carols)



ADVENT 2022

Sunday, November 27 - Saturday, December 24.

"And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.'" Luke 1:35

ADVENT comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

THE ADVENT WREATH, symbolising the coming of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

www.catholic.org/advent/advent

In preparation for the birth of Our Lord please visit the dedicated Advent and Christmas webpage of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It will be regularly updated with activities, resources and prayers suitable for individuals, parish and schools use over the coming weeks.



<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent>