



# THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 5th – 11th DECEMBER 2021

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Sunday, 5th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Cecilia Casey Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 7th December	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	<i>School Community</i>
Wednesday, 8th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	
Sunday, 12th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Eileen Casey RIP</i>

### ROTAS

Sunday, 5th December	Mass	Stewards:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 12th December	Mass	Stewards:	Kevin & Sheila	Reader: Carol
		Minister:	Angela G	
		Counters:	Kevin & Sheila	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

### OTHER LOCAL MASSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Saturday	St Joseph, Ollerton 5.00 pm	St Joseph, Shirebrook 5.00 pm	St Philip Neri 6.00 pm
Sunday	St Teresa's, Warsop 9.00 am	St Philip Neri 9.00 am, 11.00 am and 5.00 pm	

**Honouring Sunday:** During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practise their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42).

Your Prayers are requested for: Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D, Richard G-O and Mrs C. Casey . All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

**Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph:** *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**Walk With Me Advent Meditation Booklets:** Now on sale in the church porch at £1.00 each.

**First Holy Communion** : Congratulations to the young people of our parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Food Bank:** As we come to the end of the year, I have reflected on the very generous donations that have been made to the foodbank. This year we have given enough food to make 2,200 meals as well as all the toiletries and cleaning materials. I have also regularly taken a very substantial amount of cash to the foodbank which is used to buy the food that we need to give out which hasn't been donated. Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials.. Many thanks for your generosity. Angela.

**FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS:** Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 24th November/1st December/8th December/15th December/22nd December (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

**SYNOD PRAYER**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray  
from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of  
the Father and the Son, forever and ever.  
Amen*

**Synod 2023:** Today we shall hear a report from the meeting held to discuss the responses to the questions relating to the Synod process. A copy of the report will be available in the porch after Mass.

**FAITH IN FAMILIES:** COVID restrictions mean that there is no toy and gift collection this year but the charity will be providing needy families with food vouchers before and after Christmas. Donations can be made on [www.faithinfamilies.org](http://www.faithinfamilies.org) or by cheque to the office (7, Colwick Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire NG2 5FR) or given to Jackie and Colin Massey.



**THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** is an association for Catholic men from the age of 19 upwards, and has a group based in Mansfield. We refer to our local group as a **Circle**, and it is made up of Catholic professionals who meet monthly. We support our local youth, community, parish, and clergy in a variety of ways, and we hold social activities where like-minded individuals, and their families, can enjoy each other's company.

If you would like to know more about what we do and what our aims are, please speak to one of your parish representatives who are named below; you may know one of them from the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. The Mansfield and Dukeries Circle has a website where you can also read more about our history and activities; please use this URL to access the site:  
<https://catenians197.wordpress.com/>

*Parish representatives: Neil Harris (current President) and Karol Grabowski*

\*\*\* The Circle is holding an Advent Service followed by mince pies at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 22nd December in St Patrick's Parish Hall, Clipstone Road, Forest Town. Everyone, including children, is very welcome to join us. \*\*\*

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Details of our schools' activities are available on their respective websites and also at [www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk) from which you can access the **Be Inspirational** website for our younger parishioners. Parishioners are most welcome to come to the school Mass in term-time on Tuesdays at 2.15 pm

**BINGO IS BACK:** Cory and Debbie are re-introducing Bingo Sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation. All welcome. Cory and Deb have also prepared a spectacular Christmas Lights display at their house on Big Barn Lane. Go and have a look and if possible make a donation.

**FINANCES:** Sunday, 28th November Envelopes £370.00 Loose Plate £45.50 Standing Orders £135.00 Total £550.50  
Donations for Masses £190.00

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