



Fourth Sunday in Advent

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Mass Times This Week

#### Sunday 18th December

Mass 10:00am  
Kathleen Brennan RIP

#### Monday 19th December

Mass 10:00am  
For protection of unborn children

#### Tuesday 20th December

No Mass

#### Wednesday 21st December

No Mass

#### Thursday 22nd December

No Mass

#### Friday 23rd December

Mass 7:00pm  
Dermot Deegan  
&  
Sacrament of Confession

#### Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Carol Service 6:30pm  
Mass 7:00pm

### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Annie Roche, Janet Roche, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, Margaret Coyne, Norman Oliver, Irene Westwood, Bernadette Monaghan, Gillian Stanworth, and all the sick priests of the diocese.  
May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

### Recently died: Carol Jones (Dunleavy) RIP

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### Communion to the Sick and Housebound

If you know of anyone who is unable to go to Mass, and would like Communion, please contact Father Soji.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, there are Mass Intention envelopes available.

**Prayer Requests:** we are happy to include the names of those who have recently died; or whose anniversaries may occur, as well as additions to the sick list. Please let us know if you wish for your relatives or friends' names to be included. Also we would be grateful for any amendments. Thank you.

### Offertory Collection

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£83.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£207.16
Father Hudson's Gift Aid	£23.90
Father Hudson's Non Gift Aid	£31.36
Votive Lights	£14.00
100 Club	£240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£629.42</b>



Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**11th December**

£30 M Maher (55)

£15 R. Woolgrove (59)

**Congratulations!**

## Christmas Week

### Mass Times

**24 Dec:** Christmas Eve Carol Service:  
6:30pm

**24 Dec:** Christmas Eve Mass: 7:00pm

**25 Dec:** Christmas Day Mass: 10:00am

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Tues 3 Jan:** Start of Term. School reopens

**Wed 4 Jan:** Whole School Mass

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## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 94
- ◆ **Today is a day of prayer for expectant mothers.** Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- ◆ **APF Boxes** are now due. Please bring them in by next week for collection.
- ◆ **A massive thank you** to Parishioner, David Clarke, who very kindly volunteered to clean the windows of the church and presbytery, in his own time. We are grateful to him and you can see the difference, especially in the narthex!
- ◆ **Second Collection for the Parish** will take place on 1st January.
- ◆ **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** We are short of readers and Eucharistic ministers on Christmas Eve. If you are able to attend, could you please let Ann Nicholls know this week so we can prepare rotas. Thanks.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle** Thanks to all who have donated prizes and a big thank you to Bernie and Sarita for organising. We will be drawing the winning tickets after Mass today.
- ◆ **The Tablet:** We are receiving free copies of the Tablet, for four weeks. If there is anyone, after the four weeks, that would like to continue taking The Tablet then we will arrange delivery to the church, but it will then be chargeable at £3 per issue/week.
- ◆ **The Season of Advent** is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas. During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God, migrants and refugees, expectant mothers.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.
- ◆ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact Father Soji no later than Wednesday morning. See overleaf for contact details.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** Parent(s) have to attend Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact Father Soji to obtain an application form and make arrangements.
- ◆ **Sacrament of the sick;** parishioners are asked to approach a priest to receive sacrament of the sick before being admitted to hos-