



Second Sunday of Advent

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- BIBLE SUNDAY

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 4th December

Mass 10:00am
Jim Whelan RIP

Monday 5th December

No Mass

Tuesday 6th December

No Mass

Wednesday 7th December

No Mass

Thursday 8th December

Mass 7:00pm
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Noel Donaghy

Friday 9th December

Mass 10:00am
James Mccoll (SNR)

Saturday 10th December

No Mass

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: David Rogers, 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: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And all whose anniversaries occur this week.

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	£92.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£85.16
Second Collection for Parish GA	£58.60
Piety	£15.00
Votive Lights	£34.66
Donation Sehion Ministry	£50.00
Total	£335.42

Thank you for your generosity!



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100 CLUB WINNERS

27th November

£30 E. Kissun (15)

£15 Y. Kinahan (22)

Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are starting to collect raffle prizes and would be grateful to anybody who could help by donating any of the following please.

- Cash prizes
- Hamper prizes
- Chocolates
- Bottle of wine

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'



Fri 16 Dec: End of Term - School closes for Christmas

Tues 3 Jan: Start of Term. School reopens

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School Website:
www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 75
- ◆ **Second Collection** today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- ◆ **Second Collection next Sunday** for Father Hudson's. There are Gift-Aid envelopes available in the porch.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Christmas Luncheon:** The church has been given eight tickets for a Christmas luncheon at St. Edmund Campion School, designed for elderly parishioners. The date is Tuesday 13th December, time: 1.30pm until 4.00pm. The luncheon will include entertainment. Those wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact the office. However, they should also contact the school, to confirm their attendance so that the correct numbers can be catered for; and also to arrange transport, if required. Tel: 0121 464 7700.
- ◆ **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, and Expectant Mothers.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle:** We are starting to collect raffle prizes and would be grateful to anybody who could help by donating any of the following please. Cash prizes, whiskey, hamper prizes, chocolates, bottle of wine. Thank you for your help!
- ◆ **Prayer meeting** every Wednesday from 6.30-8.00pm either in the church or in the presbytery
- ◆ **Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday there will be a Legion of Mary prayer meeting from 7.00-8.00pm in the Presbytery.

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-