

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just one; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Psalm Response

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer of the Faithful for December

Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to look for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will. Amen

Please pray for Mark Leather, Margaret Brown, Lucy Payne

If you wish to be added to the Prayer List, please write to, or email, Father John

Please join in praying for the Pope's Prayer Intention for December that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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Readings: Cycle C

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30pm

Lucy Leahy R.I.P.

Sunday Mass - 9.30am

The Parish

Monday 24 December	Christmas Eve 6pm Christmas Family Mass 8.50pm Carols, 9pm Christmas Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25 December	9.30am - Christmas Morning Mass
Wednesday 26 December	12.00pm - Holy Mass
Thursday 27 December	12.00pm - Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 28 December	12.00pm - Holy Mass
Saturday 29 December	10.00am - Holy Mass 5.30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 30 December	Feast of the Holy Family 9.30am - Holy Mass

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NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

23 December - Church decorating after 9.30am Mass

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

Saturday 22 December - 5.30pm

Sunday 23 December - 9.30am

Monday 24 December - 6.00pm Christmas Family Mass

9.00pm "Midnight" Mass (Carols 8.50pm)

Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

2 March 2019: CYMFed Flame 2019 - Young people across the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Declan in Wembley

New Liturgy Course for 2019

To accompany and complement our Diocesan Year of Prayer, the Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

Downside Abbey- Holy Land Pilgrimage for young Catholic Adults aged 18-35 24th July -2nd August 2019

Please see notice board for more information re itinerary and booking.

Donations can be made to our Parish Projects in the donation box at the Park Lane Entrance. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

Traidcraft

As the company of Traidcraft plc redesigns the future, stock may be a bit haphazard over the next few months. Sales of Christmas cards and stocking fillers continue.

A few **Parish Rotas** for the first 6 months of 2019, Jan-June, are still in the box by the Park Lane door. Please take your named envelope. Many thanks.

Rota for Altar Servers for Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Morning Mass is now posted in the Lady Chapel. Please sign up TODAY to let FrJohn know who will be here to assist in the Liturgies.

Children's Liturgy - Christmas Eve Nativity - We ask that children arrive 1 hour before Mass starts, in order to get into costumes, practice a reading and do a rehearsal. We are also appealing to parents for help with this. More helpers are needed in order for this valuable contribution to Parish life to continue. Training will be given. If you can help, please contact Kady (01249 713992 or kadychatman@hotmail.com)

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL of St Patrick's: Join in the fun of decorating our Church for Christmas after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 23 December. There will be coffee, teas, squash for the children and mince pies, etc ...and the children can help decorate the crib scene. Tall men are especially needed to climb the ladders and attach greenery to the beams. Please bring all types of evergreens (especially long strands of ivy) on Saturday 22 Dec. Leave on the porch if weather is good, otherwise leave in cars until after 9.30 Mass. Maybe bring spare pair of secateurs, other floral decorations, flexible wire is useful too.

2019 Gift Aid Envelopes - are now available from the Park Lane entrance. Please take the box marked with your name. If you would like to gift aid your donations or have any queries please ask Lucy Chappell or email Lucy on GA.corsham.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com

Catholic South West - is a monthly Catholic newspaper which has been running for 21 years and now serves our Parish. **Free** copies of the Christmas edition of this newspaper are available for you at the Park Lane door. If there is enough interest, the Parish may subscribe in future.

We have received a thank letter from **Missio** (part of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith) for our 2nd collection gift of £326.45. which will help build a future of hope in Ethiopia and other communities.

Parking - As we have limited parking, could parishioners remember to park considerately along Park Lane, allowing sufficient, but not excessive, space between vehicles. Thank you.

Please continue to remember our homeless. Corsham Foodbank donations can be left at the back of the Lady Chapel.