

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention in December:  
The Future of the Very Young:**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Congratulations to Father Christopher P. Thomas**, former Parish Priest of Corpus Christi & to Father Michael O'Donaghue, Father Michael Moore and Father Malachy Brett who were made Honorary Canons by Bishop Patrick at St Barnabas Cathedral on 19th November 2019.

**Advent Adventure Retreat at Briars:** This year NDCYS are offering young people in Year 10 and above the chance to explore Advent like never before! Taking place this year on the 13th –15th of December – you'll have the chance to stay at The Briars and meet young people from all over the country as we prepare for Christmas! To reserve your place simply purchase a ticket and then complete the booking form on a page at <https://ndcys.com/advent2019/>. You will need to download the parental consent form below and send it back to NDCYS or bring it with you if you are under 18 years of age.

**Film: Outside the City:** In December, cinemas in the Diocese are showing a documentary about the monks of Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire which, as you know, is a community in our Diocese. It is the only Trappist monastery in England and it's also the home of Tynt Meadow beer, an English Trappist Ale. If you're interested in deeper questions about the human experience, if you want to know what it means to give up everything in search of something, then you'll love 'Outside the City.' For more information visit:

[www.facebook.com/outsidethecityfilm](http://www.facebook.com/outsidethecityfilm) or [www.outsidethecityfilm.com](http://www.outsidethecityfilm.com). 'Outside the City' will be shown on 16 December 2019 at 6.15 pm at Broadway Cinema where tickets have just gone on sale <https://www.broadway.org>.

**Piety Stalls** are now available at the back of both Churches. A wide range of religious Christmas cards, Advent calendars & gifts are available. Buy early to avoid disappointment.

**Parish Newsletter:** Available to download via Our Lady and St. Patrick's website. Please visit: <https://olspsnottingham.com>.

**OLSP - Praying the rosary after Mass each Sunday.** All are welcome to join the small group of Parishioners who stay to say a decade of the rosary.

**Hospitals:** If you have a relative/friend who goes into QMC or City Hospital please inform the Chaplaincy Department, the ward or your priest and request a visit. Do not assume that your priest or the chaplaincy team know that you are in hospital. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext 63799, City 0115 969 1169.

**Parish Newsletter**  
**First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Church's new liturgical year. The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. During the coming year the whole of Christ's life will be put before us in the various seasons celebrated by the Church. The Good News of Christ's teaching will be read for us at Mass each Sunday. Advent looks forward also to Christ's second coming (as it does today) when God's plan of salvation will reach its complete fulfilment. We are told in today's Gospel to 'watch ourselves', to 'stay awake' in order to survive the final judgement that can come at any moment.

In our modern world there is no Advent. We count and say there are only so many days to Christmas. We might be part of the pressures and stresses of the materialistic world and of the commercial world. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of preparations, we shall try and reflect on why we celebrate Advent and what we do during this great festive season. May these days of Advent help to remind us that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional such as 'A prayer wall' at home (like the one in our parish) or we take time to pray together as a family.

God Bless.

Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ



1st December 2019— 8th December 2019	Holy Mass & Services Intention of Mass	Church	Other Events
<b>Saturday 30th November</b> <b>First Week of Advent - Year A</b> <b>The Year of the Word</b> Is 2:1-5; Rm 13: 11-14; Mt 24:37-44	5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Confessions 5.30 pm Year of the Word - Evening Prayer 6.00 pm Mass: Kathleen McConnell	CC CC CC	2nd Collection - Christmas Flower  Commissioning
<b>Sunday 1st December</b> <b>First Week of Advent - Year A</b> <b>The Year of the Word</b> Is 2:1-5; Rm 13: 11-14; Mt 24:37-44	9.30 am: Brendon O'Hara RIP 11.00 am People of the Parish 12.30 pm Baptism of Lucia Formosa	OLSP CC CC	Of Readers at all Masses  2nd Collection - Christmas Flowers
<b>Monday 2nd December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	2.00 pm Mass - The God Who Speaks 6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass	CC CC	St Pat's School
<b>Tuesday 3rd December</b> <b>Saint Francis Xavier, priest</b> <b>(memorial)</b>	9.00 am Mass: Tom Durkin	CC	
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	9.30 am Mass: Brian Making (ill) 10.00 am Adoration	OLSP OLSP	
<b>Thursday 5th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving: John Tan 9.30 am Service of Reconciliation	CC BRW	Yrs 4 & 5 7.00 pm RCIA Session 6 CC LC
<b>Friday 6th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	9.00 am Mass: 9.30 am Adoration	CC CC	
<b>Saturday 7th December</b> <b>Saint Ambrose (memorial)</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A</b> <b>The Year of the Word</b> Is 11:1-10; Rm 15: 4-9; Mt 3:1-12	9.30 am Confession 10.00 am Mass: 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Eileen T O'Sullivan RIP	OLSP OLSP CC CC	BRW Community Room 5 pm-5.45 pm FHC 3rd Session
<b>Sunday 8th December</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A</b> <b>The Year of the Word</b> Is 11:1-10; Rm 15: 4-9; Mt 3:1-12	9.30 am: Marlene Sims RIP 11.00 am People of the Parish 12.30 pm Baptism of Maja Nowak	OLSP OLSP CC	OLSP After Mass - FHC Session 3
<b>Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</b>			

**Sunday, 1st December 2019 is the First Sunday of Advent.**

**There is a 2nd Collection** for Christmas Flowers at both Churches.

**Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to officially begin the 'Year of the Word' at 6pm on December 1st 2019 at St Barnabas Cathedral. All are welcome.** At CC we celebrate a special Evening Prayer to inaugurate the beginning of the Year of the Word in our Parishes.

**1st December 2019 is Bible Sunday** and all readers in both Churches will be recommissioned in the Liturgy.

**Advent Prayer Wall:** There is a Prayer Wall in Church for you to include your prayer intentions during the Advent season in preparation for Christmas. Post-it notes are available for you to do this.

**OLSP Christmas decorating:** there will be a short meeting after Mass on Sunday 1st December to plan for decorating the church for Christmas. Anyone interested please come and share your ideas.

**Lead Kindly Light RCIA The 6th Session on 'The Sacrament of Baptism'** by Margaret Reeve & Christine Boott will take place on Thursday, 5th December 2019 at 7 pm in the Corpus Christi Lady Chapel. All are welcome to join, and also those who wish to refresh the catholic faith are welcome.

**New Missals for 2020 -'Living Liturgy':** are available to buy at the back of both Churches - price £6.25. A short reflection is included for each week to help us in the Year of the Word.

#### **The Becket School, Advent Liturgy**

Monday, 2nd December 2019 at 7.15 pm. Come & make time for a personal encounter with Jesus this Advent!

**A visiting band of Ringers** will attempt to ring a peal on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at 5.45 pm at Corpus Christi Church.

#### **Emmanuel House & Clifton Food Bank:**

Boxes are available at the back of CC for Emmanuel House & Clifton Food Bank until the weekend of 15th & 16th December so that your donations can be delivered before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

**Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre:** Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Fayre, who donated gifts, bottles & cakes, who came & supported it on the day & who helped clear up & count afterwards. Thank you to you all.