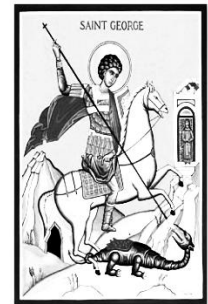


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WEEKLY BULLETIN 19th – 25th DECEMBER 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Sunday, 19th December St Patrick's, Forest Town 11.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*

Wednesday, 22nd December St Patrick's, Forest Town 9.15 am Mass *Gordon Sylvester RIP*

CHRISTMAS EVE St Patrick's Forest Town 5.00 pm Mass *John and Sophie Ludden RIP*

CHRISTMAS DAY St Patrick's, Forest Town 10.00 am Mass *Emily Dowinton RIP*

Sunday, 26th December St Patrick's, Forest Town 11.00 am Mass *Andrew Martin RIP*

In light of the increasing numbers of infections from COVID-19, we will operate a booking system for the two Christmas Masses at this church.

To book a place, please e-mail patrickftmass@gmail.com; telephone 01623 622705; or sign the list in the church porch, giving details of which Mass you wish to attend and the names of all attending (including children) and a contact telephone number or e-mail address.

Sunday Mass on 26th December is at the normal time of 11.00 am and there is no need to book.

ROTAS

Sunday, 19th December	Mass	Stewards:	Dilys & Angela	Reader: Karen
		Minister:	Angela S	
		Counters:	Andrew & Angela	Cleaning: Cath & Ian

CHRISTMAS MASSES VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, 26th December	Mass	Stewards:	Volunteers	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Volunteers	
		Counters:	Ken and Rosie	Cleaning: Cath & Ian

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 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.

IT IS NOW MANDATORY TO WEAR A MASK AT ANY INDOOR VENUE – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

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.

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND WREATH SALE: Dilys Giles has organised some wreaths for sale on **Sunday, 19th December** after Mass in the Church Hall and Cory Marsh has some Christmas gifts to be sold in aid of the Emily Harris Foundation. Everyone welcome.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: This charity is merging with a similar one in the West Midlands in January 2022 and Jackie Massey has requested that all boxes are handed in by **30th December** so that she can get the money to the current bank account. Jackie will be at Mass on Wednesday, 22nd December or you can leave the boxes in the church porch for collection.



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

*** PLEASE NOTE: as a consequence of the latest COVID news, the Circle has decided to **cancel** the Advent Service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 22 December. Sorry to disappoint you if you intended coming along. ***

ONE TO WATCH: Parishioners may be interested in a programme available on BBC1 and BBC iPlayer entitled *Heaven Made* focussing on Benedictine communities.

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, 19th December Envelopes £ 200.00 Loose Plate £55.20 Standing Orders £135.00
Total £390.20 Christmas Flowers £51.40

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

Thank you for your generosity

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON