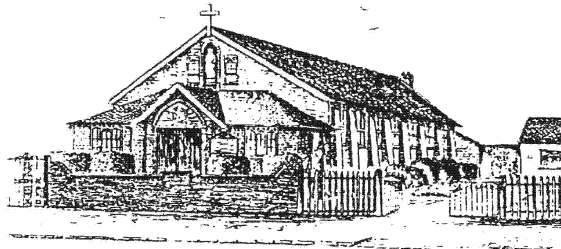


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Joseph & Vera Vaughan
Monday:	10.00am	Mass – Ellen Clymer [Anniv] <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass – Ian Kirkpatrick <i>*Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>
Friday:	10.00am	Mass – Bernard Naan [Anniv] <i>Advent Feria</i>
	7.00pm	Holy Hour – Year of Priests
Saturday:	<i>11.00-11.30</i>	<i>Confessions</i>

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Wyn Mullen [Anniv]
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***The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is the Patronal Solemnity of our Diocese**

Masses: Deceased Beck Family friends, Agnes Eileen Scattergood (*Johnson Fund Benefactor*)

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY: We wish Bishop Malcolm a "Happy Anniversary" as he celebrates the anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination as the 9th Bishop of Nottingham on 8th December 2000, the Patronal Feast of our Diocese. On his anniversary day we pray that the Lord will be always at his side to give him health, strength, wisdom and courage in his ministry of guidance and care as the Shepherd of all the people of our Diocese. We also keep in our prayers Bishop Bernard Longley who will be installed as the new Archbishop of Birmingham in St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 8th December. Ad multos annos!

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR DECEMBER: General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms. **Mission:** That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in Jesus the light of the world and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Ginns, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Fr David and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge and Fr Terence Makings.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Canon Joseph Murdock, Fr James Coyne, Fr John Weaver SJ, Mgr Bernard George, John O'Hara, Fr Joseph Savickis, Fr Charles Coleman, Ellen Clymer, Bernard Naan and Sarah Casey. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £173.50. Loose - £35.10. Total - £208.60. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION will be taken **next Sunday 13th December** during the Communion hymn.

POPPY APPEAL – on Remembrance Sunday for the Royal British Legion raised **£74.20. Thank you very much.**

PARISH MINISTRIES	6th December	13th December	20th December
Ministry of Welcome:	Young People	Payne Family	Fitzpatrick Family
Ministry of Reader:	Catherine Gee Young Harry Jones	Emma Asfaw Barbara Mackness	Angela Fitzpatrick Helen Bray
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	Young People	M McCay, T Greene M Moore, H Bray	F O'Hara, M Wainwright N Needham, C O'Donovan
Church Cleaning	M McCay & Chris	M McCay & Chris	Margaret Mc & Chris
Tea/Coffee	Charles & volunteer	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony
Flowers	Advent – No flowers	Advent – No flowers	Advent – No flowers

We urgently need more people to be involved in all ministries. If you can help by doing a ministry, then please come forward. Thank you to those who volunteer for ministry already.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

On Friday evenings in Advent we will hold a Holy Hour watching before the Blessed Sacrament in the oratory 7.00-8.00pm. Besides helping us to recollect ourselves for Christmas, in this Year for Priests it will be a good opportunity to support them in prayer.

ADVENT BOOKLET

Now that you have it, please try to use it fully over Advent and Christmas. It will be a great help in preparing spiritually for the Lord's birth at Christmas.

YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT

At the Briars for those in Year 11 or older [up to 25] 11th-13th December. £62 for the weekend. A great chance to meet other young people and prepare well for Christmas. Booking:

www.ndcys.com

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Theme: Peace, Hope, Love Joy – a Christmas message ...but what does it mean? Led by Paula Bailey & Fr Ken O'Riordan on **12th December 10.00-3.30pm at the Diocesan Centre, Derby.** Cost £10. Bring packed lunch. Booking – Janet Hornsby 01332 293833 ext 820.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Would parents of children, who will be eight years old during this present school year, and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year, please collect a form from me or Angela Holohan as soon as possible. So far just one candidate. Lessons will begin when schools go back in January.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES GIFT AID SCHEME

Now is a good time to join the Gift Aid scheme as the new envelopes are being prepared for January 2010
Gift Aid - This really is a wonderful way to make your weekly offering go further and help the parish. As you may have seen from last year's account we received **£3,400 from tax already paid.** If you pay tax on your income or savings, why not Gift Aid your donations. For every £1 you give the taxman pays the parish an extra 28p. Sign up today and get your box of envelopes in the New Year. Keith and Frank will be around after Mass to explain and encourage you to join the Gift Aid scheme. Don't put it off, do it today. **Those who already have envelopes, please use them each week so that we can keep a record and reclaim the tax, if not we cannot claim. Thank you.**

AUTUMN FAYRE

Our annual Autumn Fayre was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and a lot of visitors as well. There was a very good atmosphere and a real "buzz" about the Hall. The Fayre raised **£1,350.** See the list of stalls on

the notice board. **Well done!** A very big "Thank you!" to all the stall-holders for their time and effort, to all who contributed items and donations, to all who supported it by coming along and to those who set up and cleaned and tidied up afterwards. Congratulations to those who won prizes on the Draw and raffles. It was a wonderful day and a great success both financially and socially. I do enjoy getting to talk to so many of you. **Once again - well done and thank you all!!** We thank the Charity Forum at ASDA ADC Lutterworth for its continued support, which we value greatly.

CLIMATE CHANGE – COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

This is the weekend before world leaders meet in Copenhagen on 7th December for talks to take on the challenge of climate change with climate justice. During the time of these talks we need to be praying that our leaders will make a determined effort and commitment to face this danger and to tackle the problem together for our benefit and for the earth. We also need to look at the ways that we can reduce our individual "carbon footprint". As individuals it might appear that we would have little impact but everyone acting together can make an enormous difference. We are stewards of God's creation and must care for it for future generations.

Information –

www.cafod.org.uk/copenhagen

See the Statement from the Churches Together in Leicester on Climate Change on the notice board or on our own website.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

The Churches Together has organized this event at **Aylestone Hall Gardens, next Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm.** Wrap up well and come with family and friends to join in carols by candlelight with Southfields Brass Band. Bring a torch. Hot drinks and mince pies will be on hand to keep us warm.

SING CHRISTMAS WITH BBC RADIO LEICESTER

In conjunction with Churches Together at the Black Horse Pub, Narrow Lane, on **Thursday 17th December at 8.00pm.** Come and sing along as part of Aylestone's contribution to the largest ever carol service in Leicestershire joining Radio Leicester's broadcast of live music, well known carols etc...

ADVENT/CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 20th December we will hold our own Carol Service at 4.00pm followed by a party for the children and refreshments for all. Come and join the children in telling the story of Christmas through readings and carols and a Nativity play, which will help to get us

into the spirit of Christmas. A shared table so bring some Christmas goodies!

REPOSITORY

See what Julie has in the Repository at the back of the church. Also in the Hall during coffee she has plenty of cards for all occasions which she herself has made. They are beautifully hand crafted and very professional. Well worth having a look and a great help for the parish. St Edward's Diaries 2010 and pens are now on sale - £1.20 per set
Pens - £1.00 Diaries -50p each.

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS
Special Collection for flowers for
Christmas will be taken on Sunday
20th December** during the communion hymn. Offerings can be gift aided by using a brown envelope from the back of church and putting your name or number on it.
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9.30am

FIND THE JOKER

Last Sunday's winner **Julie LaMenza picked E6 – 6 of Clubs.** Tickets on sale after Mass and during coffee in the hall, when the ticket to turn over a card will be drawn. Tickets £1. Prize money **£44** Thanks to Angela and Keith for this fundraiser.

FAITH IN FAMILIES

Faith in Families are looking for Catholic families to adopt Catholic children who remain in the care of the Local Authorities. See the poster for contact details. Please start to bring your collecting boxes for emptying and give to Margaret Parker.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

At this time of year when we all receive many Christmas cards, please bring the used postage stamps, leaving about a half inch border of paper, and put them in the box in the porch. They can be used for the missions and our charity

SOUVENIR MAGAZINE

The Relics of St Therese – a souvenir of recent visit to England & Wales. £3.50

MUSIC EVENTS

Friday 18th Dec 7.30pm – A Family Christmas Spectacular at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham Tickets **£5 Poster Sunday 20th Dec 6.00pm** – English Martyrs Church, Alvaston, Derby. The Promise Christmas Concert by Boyce & Stanley. Tickets **£8.50/£6 Poster**

IRISH CEILI & SET DANCE

Learn to dance. No dance experience required. All are welcome. Sunday at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, LE4 2BD. 7.30-10.00pm Cost **£2.** Thursday – Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Gooding Avenue, LE3 1JS. 8.00-10.00pm. Cost **£1.** Further details. Tel: Anne 2415887 or Jo 07977 351901. Date for your diary – Set Dance Weekend Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Jan. **CaFE Retreat Day Sat 23rd Jan 10am-4pm.** Details to follow

God Bless you and yours

Fri Peter & Deacon John
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