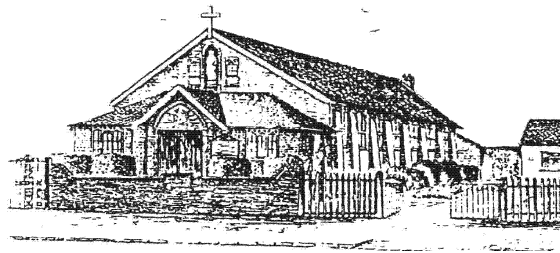


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**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
 Special Remembrance of Wyn Mullen [Anniv]  
**Monday:** 10.00am Mass – Patrick Ryan RIP *St John of the Cross*  
**Wednesday:** 2.00pm **Reception and Requiem Mass – Mary Ginns**  
**Friday:** 10.00am Mass – Private intention *Advent FERIA*  
 7.00pm **Holy Hour – Year of Priests**  
**Saturday:** 11.00-11.30 *Confessions*

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
 Special Remembrance of Margaret (Meg) Berkeley [Anniv]  
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**Masses:** Deceased Rafferty, Ford and Connor Family, John McCay [Anniv]

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ginns**, who died this week aged 94. Mary has lived in St Edward's parish since 1950. She was Headmistress of St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary in Measham for many years. She worked tirelessly for the parish, playing the organ, the first Eucharistic minister, looking after the repository and many other ways in which she supported Fr Dewar. Sadly through age and dementia she moved into Meadow Court in 2001. We pray that the Lord will reward her for her long and faithful service. Funeral arrangements – **Reception and Requiem Mass Wednesday at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Gilroes**. We also remember in our prayers his nephew Tony and his wife Jennifer and their children Malcolm and Laura that the Lord will be their support and comfort at this time of sorrow and loss. May she rest in peace.

**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 Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin (Hospital) Fr David and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, Fr Terence Makings, Fr Con Moynaghan

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Canon John Newsham, Kathleen Korzeniewski, Mabel Butcher, Agnes Claire Whelan, Fr Martin Finneran, Wyn Mullen, Fr Frank McCarthy MHM, Kathleen Cooley. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes - £198.35. Loose - £57.65. Total - £256.00. Thank you!

**PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION** will be taken **this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** during the Communion hymn.

<b>PARISH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Ministry of Welcome:</b>	Payne Family	Fitzpatrick Family	Margaret McCay
<b>Ministry of Reader:</b>	Emma Asfaw	Angela Fitzpatrick	Mary Teresa Gibbs
	Barbara Mackness	Helen Bray	Charles Sweeney
<b>Offertory Collection &amp; Offertory Procession</b>	M McCay, T Greene	F O'Hara, M Wainwright	P Vaughan, M Parker
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	M Moore, H Bray	N Needham, C O'Donovan	K Moore, C Sweeney
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	M McCay & Chris	Margaret Mc & Chris	Margaret Mc & Chris
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony	Liz & Joanne
	Advent – No flowers	Advent – No flowers	Not needed

*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. If you are away or unable to do your ministry over the Christmas holiday, please try and swap with someone else.*

### 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.

### 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

The new Offertory envelopes for 2010 are on the table at the back of church. Please collect your box today. Gift Aiding your offerings really does increase our parish funds. Thank you to all those who contribute to the Gift Aid Scheme, which costs nothing extra but is of tremendous value to the parish. There is still time to join the Gift Aid scheme with new envelopes 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 for 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.**

### CLIMATE CHANGE – COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

As the Climate Change Conference enters the second week the world leaders join the meeting in Copenhagen to come to firm agreement on the way forward with the challenge of climate change with climate justice. During this crucial 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](http://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, this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

As Julie is away this weekend Angela is looking after the Repository at the back of the church. Also in the Hall during coffee she has plenty of cards for all occasions which Julie 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Barbara Horley picked G7 – 4 of Diamondss**. 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 £60 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 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm** – A Family Christmas Spectacular at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham Tickets £5 See poster.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Dates for your diary**  
– **Set Dance Weekend Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup> January** at St Patrick's Parish Centre. Set Dance Workshops Saturday 10.30-1.00pm & 2.00-5.00pm. Sunday 12noon-2.00pm. Saturday evening Ceile 8.30pm until late. See poster for more details. Contacts as above.

**CaFE Retreat Day Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am-4pm**. Theme – **"Life to the Full"** at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4HT, Suggested donation £10. Bring a packed lunch. To reserve places please call Tom Dillon 01623 79582. See poster and fliers.

*God Bless you and yours  
Fr Peter & Deacon John*

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