

St. Mary's RC Church

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Parish Bulletin: 17 December 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 16 December / Sunday 17 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YR B) GAUDETE / BAMBINELLI SUNDAY	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am
Monday 18 December	Of the Day	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Tuesday 19 December	Of the Day	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Wednesday 20 December	Of the Day	Exposition & Confession Holy Rosary Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am
Thursday 21 December	Of the Day	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Friday 22 December	Of the Day	Exposition & Confession Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 23 December / Sunday 24 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YR B)	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am
Sunday 24 December / Monday 25 December	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY	Carol Service / Vigil Mass Holy Mass	6pm/6.30pm 11.30pm

NEWS

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour? Thank you!

Today: *Bambinelli* Sunday! – Each year on *Gaudete* Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children in Rome bring their Baby Jesus figures from the cribs in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both them and the figurines during the Angelus. Fr Domenico will bless all 'Bambinelli' at the Sunday Mass. Don't forget to take them with you!

Today: Children's Christingle Service, 4.00pm – All children are welcome to take part; simply speak to Maria or Bridget, or Fr. Domenico. All children meet in the church hall at 2.30pm 'on the day', to prepare before the Service.

Wednesday 20 December: Advent Reflections at St. Columba's Culloden from 6.00pm-7.30pm – the last evening takes place in St. Columba's. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration, opportunities for Confession, the Advent Reflection, Night Prayer, and Benediction. The speaker will be Fr. Andrzej Niski.

Thursday 21 December at 7.00pm: St. Columba's Christmas Concert. With readings, singing, special guests, and festive refreshments.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes! – 273 Orange-White Border; 468 Orange-White Border; 37 Orange-White Border; 97 Pink; 59 Green; 70 Green; 131 Green; 85 Blue; 164 Yellow-White Border. If unclaimed by next Sunday, 24 December, they will be re-raffled.

Christmas Mass times: Vigil (Sunday 24 December): 6.00 pm/6.30pm; Mass of Christmas Day (Monday 25 December): 11.30 am.

St. Mary's 90 Club: Our Grand Christmas Draw takes place this Sunday, 24 December! Good luck to those of you who have a ticket!

PARISH FINANCES

Parish Collection (10 December): £ 624.00

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Austin Birks, Siobhan, Freddie Brown, Christina, Ann Mackinnon

Anniversaries: Bridget Swan (16 December 2018), Teresa McNeil (18 December 1924), Eric King (19 December 2011), James Smith (19 December 1923), Iñaz Balzanelli (20 December 1996), John Joseph Higgins (20 December 1993), Katherine Wallace (20 December 1986), Patrick O'Donnell (20 December 1963), Mitchell Birrell (23 December 1991), Mildred McNeil (24 December 1982)