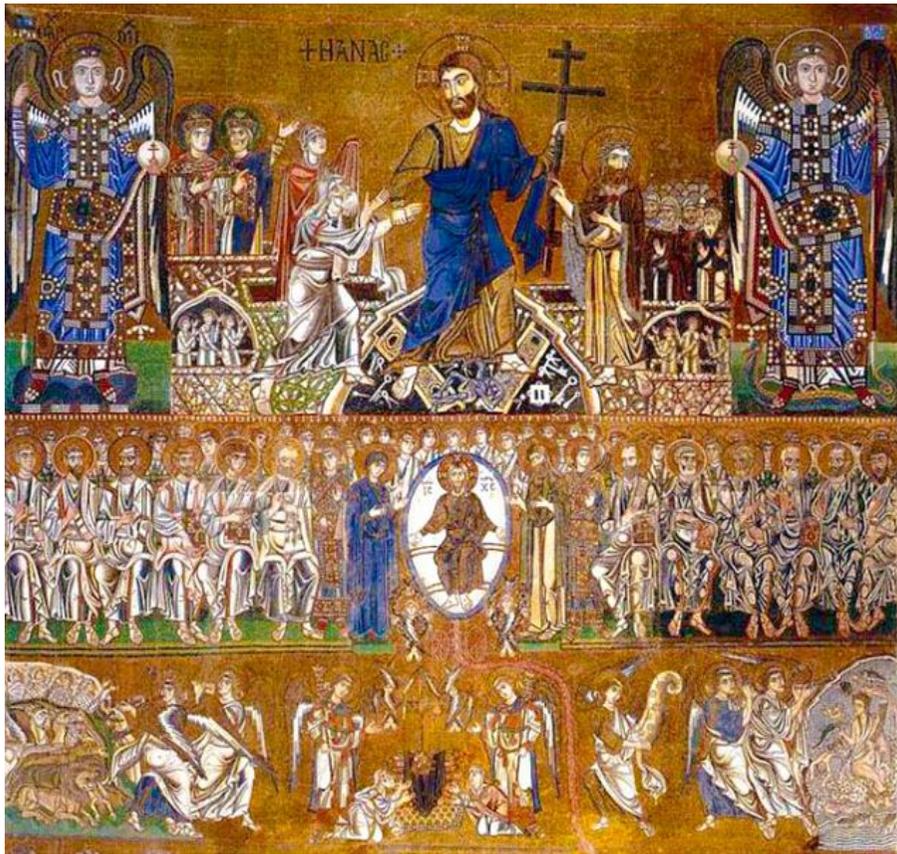


**ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK
ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL**

**First Sunday of Advent
3 December 2023**



Anonymous *The Last Judgment* (detail) C12th, Gold & glass mosaic S. Maria Assunta, Torcello

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MASS TIMES



<i>Sundays Weekdays</i>	Year B of Advent	St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 3 Migrants' Day	1st Sunday of Advent	6pm(Sat) Subhashimi Morthy RIP 11am <i>Pro Populo</i> 5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>Michael Simmonds</i>
Mon 4	St John Damascene	9.30am <i>Private int.</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Tue 5	St Birinus	9.30am <i>Private int.</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Weds 6	St Nicholas		12pm <i>Private int followed by soup lunch</i>
Thur 7	St Ambrose		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Fri 8	Immaculate Conception	9.30am <i>Priestly vocations from the parish</i>	9.30am Private int.
Sat 9	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin	1pm Nuptial Mass <i>5pm Lectio Divina 6pm Pro Populo</i>	10am Adoration 10.30am <i>Private int.</i> Confessions after Mass
Sun10	2nd Sunday of Advent	11am <i>Parish Rosary groups ints.</i> 5pm Vespers & Benediction	9am <i>Private int.</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: 'Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!' is the cry, of a people who need God. '...The master is coming' is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless, we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

GENERAL NOTICES

Recently Dead: Michael Marshall, Philippe Narain, Liz Sayell, Peter Lorimer. May they rest in peace.

SVP Collection The donations from the two parishes to the recent SVP collection amounted to £459.22 in total. This will go towards food hampers etc. at Christmas for needy people. Thank you.

Vietnamese Food stall: In the hall at St Mary's after the 11am Mass, proceeds to the Maintenance fund. Thanks to staff of Yum Yum restaurant on Smith St. Cash only.

Holy Land: If anyone want to talk about or try to understand what's happening with the current crisis, Fr Patrick will be available after Vespers & Benediction on Sun 17th Dec from about 5.45pm in the hall to give some background and attempt to answer questions.

Fundraiser: One of our young parishioners, Esther Graham, is taking part in a trip to Peru with Camps International in 2025 to work on community projects. Esther and her family will be selling cakes and sweet bags after the 11am Mass in the hall during December to fundraise for the trip. Please come and support her! Donations can be made here: <https://gofund.me/5d7b6e2c> If anyone would like a baby sitter or sweet bags made up for a party in return for a donation please contact us at: danandcaroline@talktalk.net

Friends of St Mary Immaculate Christmas Raffle Books of tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend and available at the back of church - please help yourself! Ticket stubs and money can be dropped through the presbytery door in a clearly marked envelope. There are loads of great prizes including vouchers, show tickets, alcohol, hampers, Christmas goodies and much more!

SVP Advent Foodbank Appeal thank you for your wonderful response so far. A delivery has been made to the Foodbank this week. Please continue to donate throughout Advent.

JUSTICE & PEACE Leamington Warwick Shelter Advent Giving Tree. Please choose an item from the LIST in the porch; your UNWRAPPED GIFTS may then be placed in the box marked LWS in the Martyrs' Room, ready to be taken to the night shelter at Christmas. (N.B. Please see also list of items NOT required). Thank you.

St Mary Immaculate Primary School Christmas Fair: Sat 16 Dec 12pm - 2pm
Please come and support our parish school while enjoying refreshments, stalls, games, lots of prizes and even a visit from Santa! Any donations of bottles would also be greatly appreciated! Please pass to Fr Patrick, Chrissie Beaumont, leave in the Martyrs' Room, or drop us an email at friendsofmaryimmaculate@gmail.com

Poinsettias: Please bring a poinsettia to church (St Mary's) over the next few weeks for the decoration of the church over Christmas

Youth Club: A new youth club is starting up, Year 9 upwards. There will be a Christmas party to begin on Tues 12 Dec, 7.30 - 9 in the parish hall. Please contact Hannah for more information dallman.han@gmail.com

Soup Lunch Weds 6 Dec at St Charles, following the 12pm Mass

Young Adults: There is a group for young Catholic adults 18-35 that meet monthly in Leamington. Follow the link for more info <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html>

Volunteer opportunities with Asylum seekers A new conversation café for asylum seekers is to be set up in the New Year in Leamington. The aim is to provide a welcoming setting for people to learn and practice speaking English. The café will be on Wednesday afternoons - if you are interested please email Penny at: p.halpin@phonecoop.coop

Moments of Prayer Would you like to receive our weekly email giving the Intercessions from Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours? (The Divine Office) If so, please hand in your email address to the Piety Shop. We will add you to our mailing and you should receive your first email the following Sunday.

	St Mary Immaculate stmary-immaculate.org.uk	St Charles Borromeo stcharles-borromeo.org.uk
2 nd Collections	3 Dec Church Maintenance 10 Dec Poor Parishes Fund	10 Dec Poor Parishes Fund
Counting	This weekend group 3 Next Weekend group 4	More counters required at St Charles, please contact Angela.
Sick & Housebound	Gill Bonehill, Christopher Browne, Eileen Checkley, Colin Docker, Wendy Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Janet Harbison, Graham Hardwick, Samantha Hewitt, Susan James, Catherine McCarthy, Monica, Liam McLaughlin, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Peter Schmidt, Margaret Thornton, Sheila Thumwood, Betty Walters, Gerard Williams.	Aidan Harris, Monica Hermolle, Samantha Hewitt, Jo Holleron, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice.</i>
Monthly Draw	£350 paid in prizes each month. A great way to support the parish with a chance of winning a substantial prize. Next draw 18 Dec.	St Charles Tote £3. Monthly cash prizes.
The lamps in our churches		
Rosary group	The Pope's intentions for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.	

PARISH GIVING: The best way to support our parishes financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details. If you don't have internet banking and want to sign up for Standing Order, please contact the parish office. [GiftAid form](#)

Account name: RCA Birmingham St Mary Immaculate Acc. no.28541588: Sort code 55-70-33
Account name: RCA Birmingham St Charles Borromeo Acc. no.28392876: Sort code 55-70-33

Parish Websites stmary-immaculate.org.uk stcharles-borromeo.org.uk

Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representative is Julia FitzSimons who can be contacted at: sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Health & Safety Coordinators: Steve Nemeth (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)
Primary School Head: Julia Wallace. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.