

ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
19 December 2021**



Piero di Cosimo *Visitation with St Nicholas & St Anthony* 1490 National Gallery of Art, Washington

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MASS TIMES



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 19	Advent IV O Radix Jesse O Root of Jesse	6pm <i>Pro Populo</i> 11am <i>Brendan Stack RIP</i>	9am <i>Patricia Correia RIP</i>
Mon 20	O Clavis David O Key of David	9.30am <i>Norma Lee RIP</i>	10am <i>Deceased Clergy</i>
Tue 21	O Oriens O Rising Dawn	7pm <i>Bissell family dec'd</i>	10am <i>Int. Patricia Walker</i>
Wed 22	O Rex Gentium O King of the Nations		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Thu 23	O Emmanuel O God with us		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Fri 24	Christmas Eve	6pm <i>Pro Populo</i> 9pm <i>Samual Rosam</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 25	Christmas Day	11am <i>Peter David Hunt</i> 6pm No Mass	12am <i>Stewart/Dawson Families</i> 9am <i>Simon McGrath RIP</i>
Sun 26	Feast of the Holy Family	11am <i>Pro Populo</i>	9am <i>Private int.</i>

The Word this Week

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise and is with his people.



GENERAL NOTICES

Recently Dead: Ian Zetland, Christine Griffin, John Tilley, Norma Lee. May they rest in peace

Poinsettias: Please donate a poinsettia (from next weekend onwards) for the decoration of the church (St Mary Immaculate) at Christmas

Children's choir Boys 7-14; Girls, 7-16 Rehearsals on Thurs after school & Saturday afternoons. For more information, contact Oliver Hancock, oliver_hancock@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook Page: St Mary Immaculate Parish now has a Facebook page, if you would like to join please follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryImmaculateWarwick> If you would like to help admin the page please send a message to the page so we can set this up.

Youth Groups: Our monthly Youth Groups meet from 7pm - 8:30pm in the church hall. For more information contact Chrissie at mrs.c.beaumont@gmail.com

Christmas choir: if you wish to help out with singing at the 9pm Mass, there will be a choir practice at 8pm at St Mary Immaculate.

St Charles Christmas Church Cleaning
If anyone can spare an hour to prepare the Church for Christmas, we will meet 10-30 / after Mass on Tues Dec 21. Mince pie & mulled wine / coffee ... it will be good to see you. Clare
07941815037

Confirmation: For those who wish to make their Confirmation next year, preparation begins on 9 Jan. Please register by scanning the QR code or contacting Emma Rayment erayment@tcs.magnificat.org.uk All sessions will be held between 10am and 10.45am in the Martyrs room. We would encourage all young people to then stay for the regular parish Mass at 11am.

JUSTICE & PEACE *Ways of Giving for Christmas.* For more information contact jrussell42@ntlworld.com

FOODBANK there is a box for your donations in the Martyrs' room.

ADVENT GIVING TREE. Please choose an item from list in the porch; bring your gift UNWRAPPED & place beneath the tree ready for distribution to the homeless at the night shelter at Christmas. *Please note list of SURPLUS gifts not needed this year.*

CAFOD Transform the lives of families living poorly by virtual gifts. For details see www.worldgifts.org.uk CAFOD is offering an online calendar throughout Advent, giving daily meditations & updates.

MARY'S MEALS. 'Double the Love' £15.90 will feed 1 child for a school year; thanks to a generous supporter, this is being doubled until Jan 31 making it possible for school meals to be provided for many more children. www.marysmeals.org.uk

Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the generous collections from both churches last weekend. A total of £390.13 was raised.

	St Mary Immaculate stmary-immaculate.org.uk	St Charles Borromeo stcharles-borromeo.org.uk
Offertory 2 nd Collection	12 Dec £320.20 SVP £323.13	12 Dec £1055.02 SVP £67
Average Weekly Standing orders	£256	£247
Second Collections	19 December Christmas Flowers 9 Jan 22, Circle of Friends	19 December Christmas Flowers 9 Jan 22, Circle of Friends
Counting	This weekend Group 3 Next week Group 4	New counters required please, contact Angela.
Sick & Housebound	Theresa Mary Bicknell, Christopher Browne, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Graham Hardwick, Susan James, Catherine McCarthy, Liam McLaughlin, Christina McClean, Sheila Millard, Bernadette & Philippe Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Agnes Quinn, Peter Schmidt, Arlene Slinn, Margaret Thornton, Betty Walters, Elizabeth Weston, Win Wigner.	Aidan Harris, Monica Hermolle, Christine Underhill, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice</i>
Draw	<u>200 Club – £5 per No. - £350 in prizes</u> Next draw 20 Dec	<u>St Charles Tote</u> £2 per month. New members welcome, contact Nina Woods.
The lamps in our churches	Sanctuary: Our Lady (blue, RHS) Sacred Heart (red, LHS)	Sanctuary:

Saint of the Week

The village of Ein Karem on the outskirts of Jerusalem has special significance as the hometown of Zechariah & Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, and the place of the Visitation, where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth before John's birth. The Franciscan Church of the Visitation was completed in 1955 over Byzantine and Crusader ruins. In the courtyard, pilgrims are greeted by one of the Church's most beloved hymns, Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), which she prayed when she met Elizabeth, now written in no less than 47 languages on the wall facing the church.



Safeguarding Coordinators: Julia Fitzsimons (St Mary) Suzie Vogiaridis (St Charles).
Health & Safety Coordinators: Steve Nemeth (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)
Primary School Head: Robert Gargan. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.