



## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

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*Seeking to revel in the Father's love; to proclaim Jesus as Lord; and to be alive in the Holy Spirit*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 3rd DECEMBER 2017

5.45pm Mass *Deceased Members of the Kerrigan & McGrath Families RIP*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent**

10.30am Children's Mass

Second Collection for Poor Missions of the Diocese

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

No Mass

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

9.30am Mass *Joan Corrigan RIP*

10.00am Church Cleaning

6.00pm Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

9.30am Mass *Jerry Curran RIP*

10.00am Coffee Morning

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

6.30pm Advent House Mass at Dolly & Pat McGovern's, 19 Church Lane, Whitchurch

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.30am Mass *Kerrigan and McGrath Family RIP*

12.00pm Advent Soup Lunch

6.00pm Parish Pastoral Team Meeting

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

5.45pm Mass *Marilyn Coles RIP*

**WELCOME:** To Fr Michael Fontaine, who will celebrate the Masses this weekend as Fr Matt is leading the young person's discernment retreat. We thank Fr Michael for all the work he does as full-time member of staff at St John's Seminary, Womersley.

**ADVENT SOUP LUNCH:** 8<sup>th</sup> December from midday onwards in the Parish Centre. Come along and enjoy homemade soups, cheeses and fruit. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to The Julian Trust Night Shelter.

**PLEASE PRAY:** For the repose of the soul of Peter Osborne who died peacefully last weekend. Please keep Anne and Nick and all the family in your prayers too.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection after Mass for the Poor Missions of the Diocese.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** There will be an enrolment session in the parish centre this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm for parents who want their child (Year 3 or above) to make their First Holy Communion in 2018. This session will last about half an hour as we introduce the course and fill in the forms to enrol the children.

**RISE AND SHINE CHRISTMAS SHOW:** Following the success of 'Jingle all the Way' two years ago, we are delighted to announce that Rise Theatre will return to St Bernadette's on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm for their 'Rise and Shine' Christmas show. This is a family sketch show putting Christ at the heart of Christmas. Adults £5, Children £3 (suitable for 7/8 and upwards). Mince pies and refreshments too! **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS & DEVOTIONS:** On the second and third Sundays of Advent, there will be the opportunity to gather in the church at 3pm to 'break open' the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday. Half an hour of reading/sharing, followed by half an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve: 6pm (Family Mass); 12 Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day: 9.30am

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:** Deanery reconciliation service with individual confession: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Christ the King, Filwood Broadway and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at St Dunstan's, Keynsham. Fr Matt is always available for confession. Extra Confession times will be available too.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE:** Only 4 places left on the pilgrimage to Lourdes, September 10-15, 2018. An opportunity for spiritual refreshment; fellowship; and prayer for the parish at St Bernadette's home. Full cost is £625 (£765 for single room). £150 will secure a place. Book now before this is opened up to other parishes.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED:** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITCHURCH & HENGROVE:** The Christmas Celebration of music, carols and drama is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Counterslip Baptist Church (see notice in narthex for details).

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £158.00 (Gift Aid) + £250.09 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £699.69- Thank you.