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| Saturday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent | 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Repose of the Soul of Bill Wigley |  |
| Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent | 10.30 am Mass: Beatrice Lewis RIP | |
| Monday 18th December Advent Feria | 12.30 pm Funeral Mass of Paolo (Paul) Sigona RIP 6.30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service and Individual Confessions 7.00 pm Mass: Departed Souls of Mosetti, Mathenge, Ogari, Wanjau & Ngatia Families | If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church |
| Tuesday 19th December Advent Feria | 9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of VC Joseph & Eugene Paul | LC 6.00 pm Parish Pastoral Council BRW 2 pm: Carols around the tree |
| Wednesday 20th December Advent Feria | 7.00 pm Advent Prayer Stations | |
| Thursday 21st Saint Peter Canisius, priest & doctor (commemoration) | 9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Tan & Dayaday Families 7.00 pm RCIA Session 8 Theme: The Power of Prayer/How to Pray | 2.00 pm BRW Whole School Advent Mass 3.15 pm Br John's Retirement Mass with Archbishop of Liverpool in Leigh |
| Friday 22nd December Advent Feria | 9.00 am Mass: Pauline & Kevin Grumett | |
| Saturday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers | 12 noon Baptism of Mariel Joy Encallado 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Tracy & Alan Gheen - Good Health | |
| Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve | 10.30 am Mass: Special Intention - Wedding Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers 6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. | Decoration of CC Church |

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 17th - 24th December 2023



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| Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent | 9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 3.00 pm Latin Mass | Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass. |
| Wednesday 20th December Advent Feria | 9.15am Advent Prayer Stations 10.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Devlin, Peck, O'Shea & Nunn Families | Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass. |
| Saturday 23rd December Saint John of Kanty, priest (commemoration) | 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Gerry Bourke RIP | <i>If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above</i> |
| Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve | 9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas | Coffee and Tea after the morning Mass. |



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Synod
2021
2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent or Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday, and it reminds us to be happy because the Lord is coming soon. It's a time to find joy in our waiting for the Lord. Gaudete Sunday encourages us to have joy in our Advent journey, not just when our desires are fulfilled, but in God's promises. St. Paul advises us to be happy, pray always, and give thanks. The pink candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes this joy amid our penance and preparation. It reminds us that even in our spiritual practices, there's room for joy. This joy looks forward to the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Let Gaudete Sunday be a time of deep rejoicing, knowing that our Saviour is near. Prepare your heart with hope, penance, and generosity so that when Jesus comes, He finds joy in our relationship with Him.

God Bless

Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

Monday, 18th December 2023 : Advent Reconciliation Service and Individual Confessions at Corpus Christi , Clifton at 6.30 pm and followed by Evening Mass

Advent Prayer Stations: A reflection on the Old Testament, to provide a way to inspire our advent journey in our parish community and also time of anticipation for the Birth of our Saviour. At Our Lady and St. Patrick's Meadows on 20th December 2023 at 9.15.am and at Corpus Christi on 20th December 2023 at 7.00 pm. All are welcome .

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope." **2023 -2024 Year of Prayer Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer**, arranged for each liturgical week Third Week of Advent – Sunday 17th December 2023 This Sunday's readings start with a passage from the prophet Isaiah. Here the prophet says, "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me", and he goes on to show how this spirit has brought purpose and direction to his life in a way which builds up God's kingdom. As we prepare for Christ's coming it is a good time to look at how the Holy Spirit moves our own lives. Pope Francis talks about the Holy Spirit in prayer in a catechesis he gave on the 17th of March 2021, Copies Available in the parish website under newsletter section.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Paolo (Paul) Sigona of CC who died recently and for his family. Paolo (Paul) Sigona's Requiem Mass will take place this Monday, 18 December 2023 at 12.30 pm at Corpus Christi Church. May he rest in peace. Amen.

2nd Collection for Poor & Needy Parishes: taken last week - total to date: at CC: £167.91; at OLSP: £128.25.

St Paul's Sunday Missal 2024 Cycle B: Copies for the new Liturgical year are available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £7.00 (price held from last year).

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, Experience and Understanding, Convergences f) We know that "synodality" is a term unfamiliar to many members of the People of God, causing some people confusion and concern. Among the fears expressed is that the teaching of the Church will be changed, causing us to depart from the Apostolic faith of our forebears and, in so doing, will fail to respond to needs of those who hunger and thirst for God today. However, we are confident that synodality is an expression of the dynamic and living Tradition.

Thank you to everyone who came & helped clean CC Church on Saturday.

Please come and help decorate CC Church after 10.30 am Mass next Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent, 24th December.

The Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre took place on Saturday, 9th December 2023. There are still some prizes to be collected in the Narthex in CC Church where a list of raffle prize winners is also available. Thank to everyone who helped, donated or supported the Fayre on the day, The total raised

Corpus Christi, Clifton: 24th December 2023 Christmas Eve; 6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. 25th December 2023 Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.
Our Lady and St. Patrick's, Meadows: 24th December 2023 Christmas Eve; 4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 25th December 2023 Christmas Day Mass at 9.00 am.

The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

Pope Francis announces first World Day of Children: A World Day of Children, in the wake of World Youth Day, will be held in Rome on 25-26 May 2024. Pope Francis made the announcement, "with joy", at the Angelus on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The initiative responds to the question: What kind of world do we want to leave to the children who are growing up now? **Pope:** Let us entrust peace in the world to Mary: On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis returned to the window of the Apostolic Palace for the Angelus. During remarks after the Marian prayer, the Pope looked ahead to his visit in the afternoon to Santa Maria Maggiore and then to Piazza di Spagna to pray to Our Lady and intercede for a world without war. "I ask everyone, especially the faithful of Rome, to unite themselves spiritually to me in this act of entrustment to our Mother," the Pope said, "praying particularly for peace, peace in Ukraine, peace in Palestine and Israel, and in every land wounded by war. Let us ask for peace, that hearts might be at peace, that there be peace!" **Please remember Emmanuel House (donations@emmanuelhouse.org.uk), the Clifton Foodbank & the Meadows Foodbank (hope-Nottingham.org.uk) as the weather gets colder & we get closer to Christmas.**

Encounter Prayer :The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Peace Sunday 2024: Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pax Christi have produced a series of resources to mark the day. website paxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday/

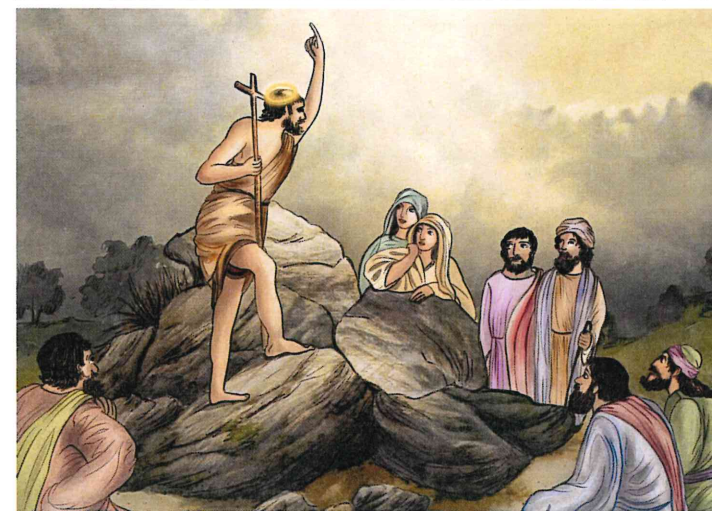
Thank you letter to both Parishes from Will Cruddace - Community Participation Co-ordinator of CAFOD Nottingham : I hope this email finds you well and your Advent has been blessed so far.

I wanted to get in touch to say thank you for the recent combined donation of £528 from Corpus Christi and Our Lady & St Patrick's Parishes. I know our central offices will have said thank you already, but as your local CAFOD worker I wanted to reach out and let you know how much your support means, especially in such a financially challenging time here in the UK.

Thank you once again for your support and I hope you have a happy and Holy Christmas, **Would you like to be a Reading Volunteer at Blessed Robert Widmerpool?:** If you have an hour a week spare, we are looking for volunteers to come in to school to listen to some of the children read. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 0115 915 2392. We would really appreciate your time. Thank You.

Gift Aid: If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change/address change/no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his/her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of

The Pope's Monthly Intention, December 2023: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
I exult for joy in the Lord.
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54 R Is 61: 10

My soul rejoices in my God.

- 1 My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**
- 2 The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R.**
- 3 He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.
May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord

5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything — hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.
There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

1:6-8.19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him. 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**