

Parish Youth Club at 7.00pm every Friday in the Hall. See Margaret Mbugoniwia, Rosa Tikimo or Fr Dominic for further details.

A Young Childrens' Club will start after Mass on Sundays in the Hall after Christmas. See Isabel Drugan for details..

Journey in Faith is at **7.00** in the Presbytery on **Tue 5 December**.

Parish Christmas Fair Saturday 2 December 12 noon- 2pm. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Any who were unable to attend are always welcome to make a donation. We made in excess of £.1,812.
A big thank you to George Gallagher for organising the event and to everyone who worked hard in its preparation, and a largely new team who ran the stalls and prepared and served food.

Visit the piety stall for your Advent calendars, candles, Christmas Cards and Gifts

Our Lady's Society will be holding a Christmas Brunch after mass on Sunday 10 December. Please join them and help raise funds towards sending sick pilgrims to Lourdes

2017/18		Forthcoming Parish events	
Dec			
3	Sun	10.00	Advent Giving – toiletries for adults and children
		3.00	"O Come Let Us Adore Him" – Holy Hour
10	Sun	10.00	Second Collection – Poor Parishes Fund Advent Giving – small presents for children (wrapped if poss) Our Lady's Society Christmas Brunch after mass
		3.00	"O Come Let Us Adore Him" – Holy Hour
17	Sun	10.00	Advent Giving – small presents for adults eg gloves, socks, scarves
20	Wed	7.00	Advent Penitential Service
24	Sun	10.00	Advent Giving – chocolates and sweets
24	Sun	7.00	Carol Service followed by First Mass of Christmas at 8:00pm
25	Mon	10.00	Christmas Day Family Mass
Jan			
14	Sun	10.00	White Flower Appeal
24	Wed	7.00	Parish Meeting
28	Sun	10.00	Second Collection - Racial Justice

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Dec 2017	First Sunday of Advent	Readings: Sun B weekdays 2
Mass Times	Sat 2 10.00 Feria	Parish
	Sun 3 10.00 First Sunday of Advent (Migrants' Day)	Alice Halton
	Mon 4 9.30 Advent Feria	Vocations
	Tue 5 9.30 No Mass	
	Wed 6 9.30 Advent Feria	Enright Family
	Thu 7 9.15 St Ambrose at Ss John and Monica	Patrick Burton
	Fri 8 9.30 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Marceline Picardo
	Sat 9 10.00 Advent Feria	Parish
	Sun 10 10.00 Second Sunday of Advent	Willie O'Halloran
	Sun 10 3-4pm Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament	
Confessions	Saturdays 10.30 – 10.45 and by request	

Please pray for those who are sick: Majella McAtavey, Harry Walkley, Paul Keene, Sr. Stella, Lynn Callaghan, Mary Cox, Bridget Kemp, Soraya Wilson, David Mishra, Ruth West, Alan and Tess Shepherd, James Cafferkey, James Casserly, June Beard.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time John Dillon, Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Patrick Michael Melvin, Francis Benedict Connaughton, Thomas Kelly, James Joseph Beirne, Edward Scanlon, Adrian Benedict Doherty, Mary Moriarty, Marceline Grace Picardo, Marie Therese O'Connor, Elizabeth Merrick, Owen McHugh, Agatha Harlozinska, Anna Elsie Ellis, James (Seamus) McCormack .

You are invited to refreshments in the Hall after the Sunday Mass

Advent Giving

We would like to repeat our Advent giving this year so each Sunday in Advent we ask you to donate something from the following lists:

3rd December - toiletries for adults and children

10th December - small toys wrapped if possible

17th December - small presents for adults e.g gloves, socks, hankies, scarves.

24th December - chocolates and sweets

Items will be sent to local charities working with vulnerable families and adults

Advent Children's Liturgy

We will be having Children's Liturgy for all the Sunday's in Advent for school aged children up to the age of 10. We take the children out of mass for their own celebration of the Word and return with them for the Offertory procession. Parents are welcome to join us with younger children.. Feel free to let other parents know

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

As part of our preparation during Advent we will have a Holy Hour in church each Sunday up until Christmas between 3 and 4 pm. This will also help us focus on next years Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool entitled "Adoremus". All are most welcome to join in spending this time before the beautiful Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Mick

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Advent



In the beautiful mosaic Church in Droitwich above the main altar in the semi-dome is a scene from the psalms of 12 deer drinking from an oasis reminding us of its words 'as the deer thirsts for running waters so my soul thirsts for the Lord'. Advent reminds us of this desire which should be in our hearts as we prepare for Christmas; the coming of Christ.

No one can forget that Christmas is coming, especially if you walk along Corporation St. among the crowds from not only Birmingham but all over country at the German Market. This year there is a large crib beside the Town Hall. When I passed by I saw a mother and child stop and peer at the different figures in the Christmas story.

We can reflect on the words of Isaiah.'Yes, Lord you are our Father and our Redeemer". And the prayer of the Mass 'Grant us the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds

**STAY
AWAKE**

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