

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Zep 3: 14-18a. Is 12: 2-6. Phil 4: 4-7. Lk 3: 10-18.

Paul wants everyone to rejoice: the Lord is at hand! Zephaniah wants the Daughter of Zion to shout and rejoice and when John the Baptist is baptising, people wonder if he is the Christ. John denies this and urges people to prepare for the Christ who is near to them. They need only to do what is expected of them: tax collectors take only their due, soldiers must not intimidate people. Everyone should share possessions with the needy.

We pray for all our sick, those in the parish, at home and in hospital.

Sick: Dario Martinelly, Danny Doherty, Tommy Doyle, Anne Beck, Fr Dermot Healy, Mary Murray, Frank Gordon, Baby Olivia Kelly, The Brodie Family.

Mary Help of the Sick pray for them.

Dead: Andrew Crawford, Elizabeth Fawdry, Catherine Allan, Fr Jude Uzukwu, James Baxter, Joseph Sheridan, Emmanuel Johnson, Hyacinth Osuji, Rose Hunter.

Anniversaries: Johnny McDonnell, Mary Reilly, Frank Cusack, Paddy & Denis O'Connor, Isabella Lawie (5yrs), Jim & Mary Wright, James Kelly (20yrs).

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord

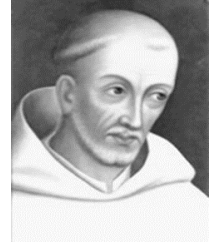
PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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3rd Sunday of Advent
Year 'C'
(15th December 2024)



Times of Masses and Services

Sunday Mass St Robert's: Vigil (Saturday) 4pm; Sunday 10am.

Confessions: Saturday morning 10.30am—11am. Saturday evening 3.20pm-3.50pm (before Vigil Mass) and on request.

Sunday Mass St Bernard's: 11.30am.

Confessions: Every 1st Sunday of the Month after Mass and on request.

Holy Days of Obligation: St Robert's 10am & St Bernard's 7pm.

Weekday Mass St Robert's: Mon -Wed, Fri and 1st Saturday of the Month 10am.

RCIA: Mondays at 12 noon.

Every Weekday: 9am-9.50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosary: 9.30am.

Novena Prayers to Perpetual Succour: Thursday after the Rosary.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday after 10am Mass.

Fr Joe's Day Off: Will be on a Thursday of each week.

Today is the **Third Sunday of Advent** - also known as **Gaudete** or **Rejoice Sunday**. The liturgy of today is full of comfort and joy. It is also a day to support those in greatest need through the St. Nicholas Care Fund as directed by Archbishop Nolan. **The second collection today is for the St Nicholas Care Fund.** Thank You for your generosity and offering. St Nicholas "wee box" are also now available for collection at the back of the Church.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

St Robert's: Johnny McDonnell - Anniversary

Mary Reilly - Anniversary



Christmas Raffle: Tickets are now on sale. Thank you for your support with this. St Bernard's will be drawn on Sunday 15th St Robert's, will be drawn on Sunday 22nd December.

Christmas Mass Intentions: Mass will be celebrated every day of this season for those who requested them. Names will be on the Christmas tree.

Annual Crib Appeal: St Margaret's Adoption Society have been supporting children and families for over 60 years. Please support this worthy cause. Posters at the back of the Church.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renovation Appeal Update: We received further anonymous Donation of £10. Thank you all for your continued support. God Bless You.

Parishes Christmas (Programme) Card: Please take one as this contains all the information about the Christmas Programme. Feel free to take 1 copy per Person and for a friend or relative.

Christmas Confessions: There will be an extra opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). **Friday 20th December: 10.30am - 11am.** **Saturday 21st December: 10.30am-11am (St. Bernard's).**

3.20pm-3.50pm, (St. Robert's).

Monday 23rd December: 10.30am-11am (with visiting priests).

Tuesday 24th December: 3.20pm-3.30pm.

Christmas Mass Times: The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

Tuesday 24th December Vigil mass 4pm.

Carol service St. Bernard's 6.30pm, Vigil Mass 7pm.

Carol service St. Robert's 9.30pm, Midnight Mass 10.00pm .

Christmas Day 25th December 10.00am-St. Robert's & 11.30am-St. Bernard's.

Wednesday 1st January 2025-Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Mass 10am-St. Robert's.

Sunday 29th December 2024, Vigil Mass Saturday-4pm,

Sunday Mass 10am-St. Robert's, 11.30am-St. Bernard's

Feast of the Epiphany: Sunday 5th January-Vigil Mass Saturday-4pm,

Sunday Mass 10am-St. Robert's, 11.30am-St. Bernard's

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Sunday 12th January 2025, Vigil Mass

Saturday-4pm, Sunday Mass 10am-St. Robert's, 11.30am-St. Bernard's

Getting Ready for Christmas: Please come along on Monday 16th at 6.30pm to help decorate the tree and arrange the crib.

Christmas Giving Tree: Thank you for your amazing generosity and continued support. The gifts are being uplifted on Monday 16th December.

First Holy Communion: We congratulate Pascal Egwim who is receiving his first Holy Communion today. We also thank his family for supporting him and Sr Edith who supported him both Catechetically and Spiritually. God bless you all.

Parish Council Meeting: On Tuesday 17th December at 7pm in the Parish House.

Office Closed: Monday 23rd until 6th January 2025.