




Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows
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Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Bill Wigley	
Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am Mass: Eileen T O'Sullivan	
Monday 16th December Advent Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Fanning, Berry & Packer Families	
Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Love & Falloon Families	LC 7.00 pm Prayer for Advent to the music of Taizé
Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria	2 pm BRW Whole School Advent Mass 6.30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service	
Thursday 19th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Neydorff, Louise, Martin & Helen Families	7.00 pm RCIA : Discussion: The Meaning of Love
Friday 20th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Repose of the Soul of Peter Miller - 2nd Anniversary 10.30 am Funeral Service of Dorothy Tresa Grant at Wilford Hill	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Saturday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Pauline & Kevin Grumett RIP	
Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Third Sunday of Advent: 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."

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer
 Please remember in your prayers, Dorothy Tresa Grant of Clifton Manor Care Home who died recently. Her funeral service and burial will be at Wilford Hill on Friday, 20th December. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. Amen.
 Please remember in your prayers, Tom McDermott, a long-standing parishioner of CC who died on Friday. Please pray for his daughter, Sharon & her family. His funeral details will be announced shortly. May he rest in peace. Amen.

CC Church Heating: Unfortunately the Church heating at Clifton is not working properly and we cannot get an engineer until 7th January. Hopefully, the weather is going to turn milder but please wrap up warmly in plenty of layers when you come to Church.

Sunday Missals for Year C from the Catholic Truth Society are now available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £9

The Universalis App is available to download and for a one-off payment of £10, you can subscribe and access all the Mass readings and prayers.

CC CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Monday, 23rd December 2024 at 10.00 am. Please come and help. Many hands make light work.

Liberty Pay has ceased providing online donation services on our website. Instead of using that method, please scan the QR code on the Newsletter for your Church. We have also displayed a larger QR code on each Church noticeboard. Looking Ahead to the First Quarter of 2025: the Diocese are working with a new service provider to secure better finance fees and to implement a system that allows each parish to receive funds directly into their parish accounts, rather than through the central Diocese account.

The 2nd Collection last weekend for Poor & Needy Parishes raised from OLSP: £118.80 & from CC £181.07. Thank you for your generosity.

The last Prayer for Advent to the music of Taizé led by Br John will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, 17th December in the Lady Chapel at CC.

The Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope Companion Booklets are available free of charge in both Churches.

Emmanuel House Little Things Campaign Please donate THIS WEEKEND from the following list and bring to both Churches so they can be delivered to Emmanuel House before Wednesday, 18th December. Thank you for your generosity. Packet of biscuits, notebook & pen, new boxer shorts or knickers, puzzle books, jogging bottoms, winter coats, shower gel & deodorant, body lotion & hand-cream, chocolates (no alcohol), Gregg's vouchers

An Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at 6.30 pm at Corpus Christi Church. Priests will be available to hear Confessions face-to-face or in the confessional box.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times:

Corpus Christi, Clifton:


24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:
 6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas
 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
 25th December 2024
 Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am

Our Lady and St. Patrick's, Meadows:

24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:
 4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas
 25th December 2024
 Christmas Day Mass at 9.00 am.

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 15th - 22nd December 2024



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Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 3.00 pm Latin Mass	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Private Intention	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Saturday 21st December Advent Feria	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Raymond King	 If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for OLSP Church
Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP, Annie & John Davey RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024: For Pilgrims of Hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

 Christmas Repository stall at the back of Corpus Christi Church is now open after weekend Masses. OLSP Christmas Cards to the housebound and other absent parishioners: we shall soon be sending these out so please give the addresses of those you think would like a card to the parish secretary (secretaryccolsp@gmail.com or by phone 0115 921 2964).

Christmas Gifts that make a world of difference: CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue 2024-25 is now available in the foyers at both Churches. With new gifts and products inside, each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. Find your perfect, waste-free Christmas gifts inside.

Bishop Patrick will be coming to confirm our young people in both parishes on Friday, 6th June 2025. Details of the Confirmation Programme will be issued shortly. If you have already given your name to the Parish Office, then you will automatically be sent information.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 5. Matters for Consideration j) Possible confusion between the Gospel's message and the culture of those engaged in evangelisation was mentioned as one of the issues to be explored. k) Increasing conflicts, with the trade and use of increasingly powerful weapons, opens up the question, raised in several groups, of more reflection and formation in order that we can manage conflicts in a non-violent way. This is a valuable contribution that Christians can offer to today's world in dialogue and collaboration with other religions.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15th January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place .

Next Monday, 16th December, marks the 200th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Father Robert William Willson, Nottingham's parish priest who was responsible for the building of Saint Barnabas Cathedral in the 1840s. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 1.00pm that day, and all are very welcome to attend.

Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for Get Jubilee Ready, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about and how we're celebrating as a global and national Church throughout this holy year.

Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

Aid to the Church in Need (UK) has launched an Open Letter Campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse

Saint Barnabas Cathedral Choir is singing Bach's Saint John Passion on Saturday 29th March at 7.45pm. A QR code is available on the poster at the back of church, together with a 20% discount for bookings before Christmas.

The Christian Heritage Centre offers a weekend course for couples preparing for marriage, most suited to couples who are engaged and practising their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around scriptural texts, the weekend explores the Church's understanding of human love in the Divine plan using Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The weekend is held between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th January, and for more information and to book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation-2025/>



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 Zephaniah.
'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.' 3:14-18a
 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Fear not, O Sion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'
 The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6 R.6

Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my praise, and he has been my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds; proclaim that his name is exalted. R.

Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders; let this be known through all the earth. Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. *'The Lord is at hand.'* 4:4-7
 Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glorify to you, O Lord.** *'And we, what shall we do?'* 3:10-18
 At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

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.