



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 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	
Monday 23rd December Advent Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Pachecho, Fernandes & Pinto Families	
Tuesday 24th December Advent Feria The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	9.00 am Mass: 6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass	
Wednesday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	10.30 am Christmas Day Mass	
Thursday 26th December Saint Stephen (Feast) Bank Holiday: Boxing Day	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Taylor, Dasey, Duck & Rymer Families	No RCIA : Christmas Holidays
Friday 27th December Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls - Aloyzy & Zofia Szroeter	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC Church
Saturday 28th December The Holy Family (Feast)	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Private Intention	
Sunday 29th December The Holy Family (Feast)	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	

Fr David, Fr Wilfred, Brother John and Brother Andrew wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and invite you to join with them in celebrating the birth of Our Lord in the coming week.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times:

Corpus Christi, Clifton:	Our Lady and St. Patrick's, Meadows:
24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:	24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:
6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas	4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas
8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass	25th December 2024
25th December 2024	Christmas Day Mass at 9.00 am.
Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am	

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER: Please come and help decorate CC Church after the 10.30 am Mass. 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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent: There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer
 The Jubilee Year 2025 begins next Sunday, 29th December 2024. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the 10.00 am Mass at the Cathedral on this day to open the Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Prayer (which will be available soon) will be used at the conclusion of the Intercessions at each Mass in the diocese (Feast of the Holy Family). There are still some Pilgrims of Hope Companion Booklets available free of charge at the back of both Churches.

Please remember in your prayers, Tom McDermott, whose body will be received into CC on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 5 pm His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, 7th January 2025 at 12.30 pm. Please pray for his daughter, Sharon & her family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Confirmation Programme at CC: Bishop Patrick will confirm our young people from both Churches on Friday, 6th June 2025. If you wish to join the Confirmation course, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, 8th January 2025 at 6.30 pm in CC Church. You will be able to meet the course Leaders, Clement and Joe and sign up for the course. If you know of any young person in our Parishes who might be interested, please let them know about this meeting.

CC Church Heating: The heating is working on one side of the Church but we cannot get an engineer until the new year. Hopefully, the weather will be 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.

Liberty Pay has ceased providing online donation services on our website. Please scan the QR code on the Newsletter-- the same one for both Churches. When you scan the QR code, you will be asked to confirm to which Church you wish to donate and then you can enter the name. We have also displayed a larger QR code on each Church noticeboard. The Diocese are working with a new service provider to secure better finance fees & to implement a system allowing each parish to receive funds directly into their parish accounts, rather than through the central Diocese account.

Emmanuel House Little Things Camapign A HUGE Thank You to everyone who donated last week. We took a car-load of bags to Emmanuel House on Wednesday and the staff there were overwhelmed by the generosity of both our Parishes. Thank you very much again for your response.

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 22nd - 29th December 2024



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP, Annie & John Davey RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Tuesday 24th December The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas Barbara, John & Michael Hickey	
Wednesday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	9.00 am Christmas Day Mass: Michael Harte RIP	
Saturday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Foundation Mass: Members of the Hopkins Families	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state OLSP Church
Sunday 29th December The Holy Family (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Conlan & Scanlon Families	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.

Can Harry D'Sousa please collect his raffle prize? - speak to Fr David.

The Parish Secretary will be on holiday from Friday, 20th December 2024 to Friday, 3rd January 2025 inclusive. Any emails sent to her during this time will be dealt with on her return.

Every Day Evangelising – Explore sharing your faith Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25th January (10.00am-3:30pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to represent your Parish - we need one representative from each Church, please speak to Fr David.

OLSP Christmas Cards to the housebound and other absent parishioners have been sent out and the last few cards are being delivered this weekend. Thank you to everyone involved.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART 1 - THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 5. Matters for Consideration 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. Proposals l) Renewed attention is needed to the question of the languages we use to speak to people's minds and hearts in a wide diversity of contexts in a way that is both beautiful and accessible.

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 .

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>

The UK's largest Catholic youth event, Flame's Unstoppable, is happening on Saturday 15th March at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com-2025/



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
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 Micah.
'From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.' 5:2-5a
Thus says the Lord:
You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80(79)

**Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.
'Behold, I have come to do your will.' 10:5-10
Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."'

When he said above,
'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings
and burnt offerings and sin offerings'
(these are offered according to the Law),
then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'.
He does away with the first in order to establish the second.
And by that will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
'Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' 1:39,44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country,
to a town in Judah,
and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,
the baby leaped in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,
and she exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
And why is this granted to me
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears,
the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment
of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**