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**The Office is open Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm. Fr Jeremy is not normally available on Tuesdays.**

Sunday 22 December 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

*Readings in Missalettes or p 776 in Sunday Missals Readings, Prayers and Antiphons of the mass -*

*Advent Preface on p 464 - The Order of the Mass on p 449.*

**Advent & Christmas Appeal**

**The Friends of the Holy Land Christmas Appeal** provides quick and effective help to Christian Communities in the Holy Land. Collection box at the back of church or donate on line.

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| Funny thank you images free clipart clip art image 7 - Clipartix | **To all those who helped before, during and after our Christmas Market last Sunday. Everyone had a great time and a magnificent sum of ££1,132.10 was raised!** | Santa And His Naughty Reindeer Stock Photo, Picture And Royalty Free Image.  Image 11570969. |

Masses & Services

Advent

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| Sat | 21 Dec | 6 pm | Vigil – Advent 4 | RIP Jean Ann Caley |
| Sun | 22 Dec | 9.15 am | Advent 4 | RIP Gordon Davies |
| **Sun** | **22 Dec** | **4 pm** | **Carols by Candlelight in the Grotto** | |
| Mon | 23 Dec | 9.30 | St John of Kenty | RIP Rose Byrne |
| **Tue** | **24 Dec** | **12 noon** | **Confessions in church** | |

**Christmas**



**Joint Parishes Masses**

Saint Stephen’s Day - 10 am Thursday December 26th **in Cannock**

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God 10 am Wednesday January 1st **in Hednesford**

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| Tue | 24 Dec | 5 pm | Family Christmas Mass | Intentions Sr Ann Sullivan |
| Tue | 24 Dec | 8 pm | First Mass of Christmas | Parish & People |
| Wed | 25 Dec | 10 am | Christmas Day | RIP Edd Stokes.. |
| Thu | 26 Dec | 10 am | St Stephen | **Joint Mass in Cannock** - Altar Servers |
| Sat | 28 Dec | 6 pm | Vigil – Holy Family | Ints Sr Ann Sullivan |
| Sun | 29 Dec | 9.15 am | Holy Family | RIP Derek Barker.. |
| Wed | 1 Jan | 10 am | Mary Mother of God | **Joint Mass in Hednesford** - Parish & people |
| Sat | 4 Jan | 6 pm | Vigil - Epiphany | Ints Sr Bernadette Hynes |
| Sun | 5 Jan | 9.15 am | Epiphany | Marjorie & Gerard Breeze 66th Wdg Anniversary |

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| **Missals**  **Sunday Missals** @ £13.50. New stock has now arrived and are available at the back of church. | **Christmas Offering to the Parish Priest**  The collections at the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are your offering to the Parish Priest. There are also Christmas Offering Envelopes at the back of church these can be given at any time. |

**Financial Matters**

15/12/2024 Standing Orders £129.25. Gift Aid £156.45, other £210.29, Second Collection Christmas Flowers £97.26. Second Collections – 5 January 2025 Church Maintenance, 19 January Pax Christi.

**200 Club** – Christmas draw this weekend, December draw 29 December. January subs now due.

**Foodbank** - 47 Kilos **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>.

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| **24/12** | David Haughey 2007 |
| **25/12** | Wladyslaw Stupir 1980, Nathaniel Carney 1996 |
| **26/12** | Simon Walmsley 1990, Philip Jones 2001, Juliette Alldrit 2023 |
| **27/12** | Mary Flynn 1980, Mary Moore 2017 |
| **29/12** | George Yates 1988, Norman Palmer 1999, Andrew Doyle 2012, Guilio D’Angelo 2017 |
| **30/12** | Carmel O’Reilly 2003, Ross McEvoy 2007, Albert Hermanis 2009 |
| **31/12** | Neil Jones 1993, Joseph Hotchkiss 1999 |
| **1/1** | Sarah Westwood 1958, Iris Westwood 1988, Norah Lilley 2001, John Jones 2003 |
| **2/1** | Gladys Hughes 2003, Rose Freeman 1991 |
| **3/1** | Kit Whitehouse 1981, Norah Hall 1982, Maureen McLaughlin 1996, Patrick Kilkenny 2000 |
| **4/1** | Thomas Nicholls 2018, Marie Murray 2019, Alan Dale 2019, Gertrude Westwood 2021  **Recently Departed -** Roy Cross |

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| Salvatore Guarneri, Joan O’Sullivan, John Dewhurst, Anna Bayliss, Margaret Phipps, Tom Poxon, Zorah McQuillan, Florence Craddock, John Martin, Den Owens, Peer Mohammed, Sue Atkinson, Jane Seal, Sue Titley, Peter Woollaston, Margaret Wilkinson, Sue Green, James Hunt, Phyllis Michael, Bert Dodd, Míchael Liddy, Margaret Brown, Sylvia Hale, Henry & Josephine Kafwembe, Janet Barker, Mary Klek, Jack Kennedy, Maureen Dewhurst, Mark Duffy, Christopher Allan, Dominic Mulchrone, Clare Murphy, Tess Dudley, Jean Bird, Sophie King, Oscar Wordsworth, Matt Twohig, Anne Conway-Jones, Peter Hawthorne, Kath Poole, Christine Makinson, Michael M, Ivan Molyneaux, Russell Mackuin, Pauline March, Richard Sharp, Alan White, Margaret Reynolds, Bernard Beeson, Marie, Teresa Murphy, Bert Mears, Catherine Baker, Gino Memoli, Deborah Woollaston,  Jo Reading, Angela Freary. | Please Pray for the Sick | Our Lady &amp; St Joseph |

### Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Advent

*I’ll ring you. I’ll pop around. It won’t happen again. I’ll give up soon.*

Most of us make promises every day, small promises perhaps but promises nonetheless. This weekend’s scripture readings could be given two headlines: promise made and promise fulfilled, spanning centuries and people, with a traceable line between the prophet Micah and Luke’s Gospel. Because it’s a divine promise, it’s performed by a different logic. Not the logic of ‘I’ll try’ but ‘Amen, so it shall be’. Yet divine doesn’t mean distant since it’s a promise fulfilled in human flesh: an earthly promise of incarnation so that “You Bethlehem” becomes back pain and morning sickness for Mary of Nazareth. It’s a promise that becomes two pregnant women comparing bumps but also somehow, through the eyes of faith, a mixture of the Sign and the Signified (the one who points to the Messiah - John the Baptist - and the one he is pointing to - Jesus). As we move into these last few days before Christmas and we’re rushing around with virtual or actual shopping baskets, let us not worry about having the perfect Christmas. That’s already happened. Let us instead allow the perfection of the first Christmas to come to fulfilment within us saying thank you Lord for the gift of your birth. Stop, take a breath. Breath in and out slowly, for we remember that before the magi who traversed afar, God travelled the real distance – coming as near to us as our own breath. *Father Ryan Service*