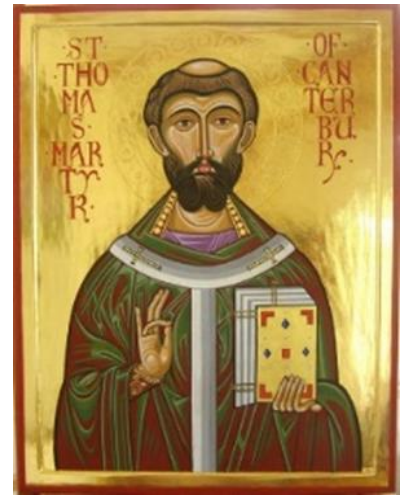




# The Catholic Parishes of



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10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Mass Book page 89
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God does not have favourites, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the widows and orphans - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

**ANIMA CHRISTI** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

**November - Month of Holy Souls** There are purple slips at the back of Church for you to write the names of your deceased family and friends. Please put them in the box for names to be placed on the altar in each of our parishes.  
*For Mass intentions during November, please use the normal Mass intention envelopes and give to Fr Paul or hand in at the office.*

Blessing of Graves		
Sun 11 Nov	St Nicholas's	3 pm
Sat 17 Nov	Bushbury Cemetery	2 pm

**RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity 234216**  
**Diocesan Website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Joe Sweeney RIP - Anniversary</i>	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Armistice Day. Remembrance Day</i></b>	
9:15 am	St C	<i>For the intentions of Sarah Clarke Frank Lait RIP – Anniversary Nell Lines RIP Rita Burns RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Adrian Anslow RIP Nigel Preston RIP</i>	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i></b>	
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Catherine McGovern RIP Margaret (Peg) Dunn RIP</i>	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	
10:00 am	St T	<i>Private Intention</i>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St T</b>	<b><i>Annual Mass for the Dead and Holy Souls</i></b>	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	
10:00am	St C	<i>For the sick of the parish Cannon and McCafferty Families</i>	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	
10:30am	St T	<i>Morning Mass: Elizabeth Green RIP</i>	
11:00am		<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>	
4:00pm	St C	<i>Exposition and Holy Hour</i>	
4:30pm		<i>Confessions</i>	
		<b><i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
5:30pm	St C	<i>Michael Stephenson RIP Jennifer Lewis RIP Kate Pearson RIP – Anniversary Daniel Cooper RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Phyllis McKinnon RIP Ratcliff Family RIP Canon Coyne RIP - Anniversary</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Peter Lamb RIP Bosi &amp; Beswick Family Intentions</i>	

**Remember in your prayers those who have died** Leslie White (uncle to the White family).  
 Leslie's funeral is yet to be arranged.  
 May he rest in peace. We pray also for his family and friends at this time.

<i>Weekly Collections 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Gift Aid Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Johnson Fund</b>
St Thomas's	£146.18	£197.01	£223.00	<b>£566.19</b>	<b>£135.12</b>
St Christopher's	£182.60	£209.30	£837.00	<b>£1228.90</b>	<b>£367.90</b>

**The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)** begins in London on Monday 12 November, and runs until Friday 16 November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church. The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture, which has safeguarding at its very heart, remains a key part of our work. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry. Last weekend's Pastoral Letter on this matter can be found on the Archdiocese website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

## Dates for your Diary

Thur 15 Nov	Annual November Mass for the Dead	St Thomas's	7pm
Sat 24 Nov	Afternoon Tea	St Thomas's	1:30pm-3pm
Sun 25 Nov	Churches together - Christ the King Service	St Christopher's	6.30pm
Tue 27 Nov	Sacrament of Confirmation	St Christopher's	7pm
Sat 1 Dec	St Christopher's Christmas Bazaar	St Christopher's School	12 Noon-3pm
Thur 6 Dec	Senior Parishioner's Mass and Christmas Dinner	St Christopher's	11.30am-3pm
Sat 8 Dec	Joint Parishes Advent Retreat	St Thomas's	10am-4pm
Sun 16 Dec	Joint Parishes Carol Service	St Thomas's	6 pm



### JOINT NEWS

**Remembrance Sunday** Today we celebrate and remember all those who have died in the two World Wars and all the conflicts since. May they rest in peace in God's Kingdom

**Second Collection next weekend for SVP** Please be as generous as you can. Sterling work is being carried out to help those in need in our own community. Please pray for all those who give of themselves and their time in our parishes and beyond and pray for those whom they help. Thank you.

**Census Forms are available for you to collect and fill in. Please take one to people who you know are unable to come to church in our parishes and please return the completed form. Thank you for your co-operation.**

**Churches together - Christ the King Service** will be hosted by St Christopher's Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. Please come along if you are able and enjoy this ecumenical event.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Vigil of the Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, please pray & fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country.** Your prayer & fasting is urgently needed - it really does save lives. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com) For info on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html> See poster

**Joint Parishes Advent Retreat** at St Thomas of Canterbury Church on Sat 8 Dec 10am-4pm. The Theme will be "Our Lady and St John the Baptist - Our Advent Companions" and it will be led by Fr Andrew Robinson from Oscott.

**Reading Group** after Tuesday 7pm Mass, St Christopher's. The theme is "Divine Renovation", each person attending will require a book of the same name. You can buy it on Amazon price £14.94 by Fr James Mallon, ISBN: 9781627850384. Please read Chapter 5 to page 195.

**Silent Film night** Sat 17 Nov 7pm at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG to raise funds for the victims of recent catastrophic floods in Kerala and the Philippines, which include the families of some of our Bridgettine Sisters. Tickets £6, refreshments available. See Poster.

**Baptism Preparation** Anyone wanting their child to be baptised contact Matthew Bradbury, 01902 844701. Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 1 Dec, 9.45am.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Meeting at St Christopher's** Mon 12 November, 7.30 pm.

If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004 or 07842 383689 if you need transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc.

**If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

**Do you have any spare balls of wool?** A local charity group, 'Outreach for Wolverhampton' make hats, gloves & scarves which are given to the homeless, they also ask for any hats, gloves and scarves that you could give. For more info speak with Kath Brown, who is liaising on their behalf. Thank you.

**Red Boxes** need to be brought in for counting asap, thank you. **Wolverhampton Church Shelter.** If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email [churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com) for an application form or more information. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references.

**Newsletter Email** To receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to either parish office

### ST THOMAS'S NEWS

**Keep this date free Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1:30-3pm** Afternoon Tea Party, with live music, Newman Centre. Tickets £7 are now available after Mass or via the Parish Offices, bring family, friends and neighbours.

**Church Collections** If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not, **the Sort Code is 560069, the Account Number is 60313595. Please see Linda if you have any questions.**

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

**Good Shepherd Relief in Need Collection** Thank you for everything you have sent in. For collection of large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Please note, beds, sofas and chairs need to have fire labels).

**St Christopher's Tots** on Wed 14 Nov, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

**St Christopher's Church Bazaar Sat 1 Dec 12-3pm at St Christopher's School** Can you donate bottles, books, toys, gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery, plants and cakes, which you can leave at the back of the Hall. There is a Patron's list and a list of suggested donations for raffle prizes at the back of Church. Raffle tickets will be on sale after every Mass. If you can help and/or have new ideas please contact Carol, 07810 333057. All money raised is for our church, Thank you.

**Christmas Lunch for the housebound, elderly and infirm** will be in the Church Hall on Thurs 6 December. Beginning with Mass at 11.30am, lunch will follow at 12.30pm. Numbers are limited so please fill in a green slip and post it in the box at the back of church.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Tues 27 Nov. Those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year must attend all sessions.

**St Christopher's Primary School** Parents of children who are due to start primary school in Sept 2019 are reminded that they must make an online or paper application through Staffordshire County Council between 1 Nov 2018 & 15 Jan 2019. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate should be sent directly to the school. Any queries, please contact the school office, tel 297820.

**SICK LIST** In order to comply with GDPR legislation, we have started the parish sick list from scratch. As of the first weekend in November, only those who have given consent will be put on our sick list. Consent is understood to be either from the person who is ill themselves, or if that is not possible (if the sick person, for example lives far away), confirmation should come from the person who asks for the name to go on the list to say that the said person is aware of their name being included on the newsletter which is also available online should people choose to access it via the website. **There is a letter available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK.** Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap. PWB, TF, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Kathy Barnwell, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr and Mrs JT Begue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek Peter Mason, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Patrick Murphy,

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** John Hancock, James Finucane, Salvatore Ferrigno, Mary Gallagher, William Wedge, Nigel Preston, David Rickleton, Robert Griffiths, Peter Gallagher, Joseph Burns, Stephen Cotter, James Finn, Joyce Makepeace, Dorteon Bateson, Henry Walker, Gertrude Kirwan, Arthur Walsh, Violet Thompson, St Marie SJT Florence Gallagher, Brian Welsh, Sr Marie Ange SJT, Sr Teresita SJT, Sue Jebb, Daniel James, Mary Doherty, Piroska Ferenczy, Mary Threlfall, Elizabeth Farrelly, John McWilliams, John Flatley, Peter Warner, Deacon John Burton, Rev William Boyle, Rev Thomas O'Connor, Rev James O'Sullivan, Rev Raymund Jones

### Christmas Mass Times

Date	Church	Mass Time	Time
Sat 22 Dec	St Christopher's	Vigil Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	5:30pm
Sun 23 Dec	St Christopher's St Thomas's	Morning Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.15am 11:15am
Mon 24 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Family Mass	3:00pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Christmas Family Mass	5:30pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Carols & Midnight Mass	11:30pm
Tues 25 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
Wed 26 Dec	St Christopher's	St Stephens Day Mass	11:00am

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Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes	33 Alameda Gardens	01902 751614
St Christopher's Safe Guarding	Jo Stewart	01902 845027
St Thomas of Canterbury Safe Guarding	Angela Walker	01902 751197
Newman Centre Bookings are taken through Parish Office		01902 751025