

Saturday	16 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	17 Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass <i>Stefan &amp; Cathy Rubin RIP</i>	Dursley Dursley
Monday	18 Dec	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Tuesday	19 Dec	7.00 pm	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday	20 Dec	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday	21 Dec	10.00 am	Mass	Convent, Nympsfield
Friday	22 Dec	7.00 pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday	23 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	24 Dec	9.30 am 6.00pm 9.00 pm	Mass Mass Childrens' Mass of Christmas Mass Carols from 8.30pm	Dursley Dursley Dursley

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**Reconciliation:** FRIDAY 6.00 - 6.30 pm and SATURDAY 3.30 - 4.00 pm at Dursley; SATURDAY 5.00 pm at Nympsfield; or by arrangement.

Refreshments in the church hall after the 10.30 am Mass every Sunday.

### **Third Sunday of Advent.**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

My soul glorifies the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon.**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold our God will come, and he will save us.

*PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time; and for the SICK & HOUSEBOUND of our Parish: G. Dessi, Attracta Rosser, Maire Dykes, V. Festa, Paula Mackie, Mary Phillpott, Maura Fairhurst, Michael Iatalese, Sally Hayward, Frances Hanley, Boby Milczarczyk, Thomas Simonet, Geraldine Donnelly, Zella Courtney, John Lissenden, Maureen Hebron, Chris Keith, Christopher Browne, Mary Molloy, Clementina Tywunka*

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Peter's, Cirencester, St Michael's, Tetbury, St Aldhelm's, Malmesbury.

**Churches Together Prayer Rota** St George's  
**Finance** Dursley £188.65 Nympsfield £70.20

**Carol Service and Christingle, St Bartholomews Church, Nympsfield.**  
Tuesday, 19 December 6 pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### **Christmas Quiz**

Quiz sheets are now on sale at the back of St Dominic's. £1 per entry. Winner to be announced on Christmas Eve. Prize - shopping voucher. Thank you the Rubin family for writing this quiz. Once completed, please put name and contact number on the front and place in the box in the narthex at St Dominic's by Sunday 17 December as this is the deadline.

### **Friends at Christmas:**

Gifts and provisions needed for this event for the disadvantaged on Christmas Day and Boxing day; please see notice in porch for details.

### **Catholic Education:**

Do you support Catholic schools and right of Catholic parents to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to do a U-turn on this promise, which was a manifesto commitment in 2017 to give priority to Catholics in Catholic schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

### **Christmas choir**

Choir practices for Christmas take place at St Dominic's on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. New members welcome!

### **Church Boiler**

A new boiler for St Dominic's Church has now been ordered and is being installed!

### **Liturgical diaries**

Copies of the Diocesan Liturgical Diary for 2018 are now on sale, price £6 each.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

There are two vacancies on St Dominic's Parish Pastoral Council. Please let Father Philip have nominations by the second week in January. The role of the Council is to work with the Parish Priest on identifying our long term goals for development. Next year we shall be looking at the diocesan document on Mission and what it might mean for us.

### **Parish charity**

We have received two nominations for 2018. They are: **Listening Post**, a counselling service for adults living in Gloucestershire who suffer emotional and psychological distress and the other is: **The Tallinding Project** which started as an effort to help with the building of a Nursery School in the area known as Tallinding, which is part of Serrekunda, the largest town in The Gambia, West Africa.

### **Christmas Mass times**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Nympsfield</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Advent)</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Dursley</b>	<b>Mass of Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Advent)</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Dursley</b>	<b>Children's Mass of Christmas</b>
	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Dursley</b>	<b>Carols, followed by</b>
	<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Dursley</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Night</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Dursley</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Morning</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Nympsfield</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b>