

Saturday	23 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	24 Dec	9.30 am 6.00 pm 9.00 pm	Mass <i>Hebron family</i> Mass Children's Mass of Christmas Mass Carols from 8.30pm	Dursley Dursley
Monday	25 Dec	8.30 am 10.00 am	Mass Mass <i>Freeman &amp; Smith families RIP</i>	Dursley Nympsfield
Tuesday	26 Dec	7.00 pm	No Mass	Dursley
Wednesday	27 Dec	9.00 am	No Mass	Dursley
Thursday	28 Dec	10.00 am	No Mass	Convent, Nympsfield
Friday	29 Dec	7.00 pm	No Mass	Dursley
Saturday	30 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	No Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	31 Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	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.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

##### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

##### **Responsorial Psalm**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

##### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

##### **Communion Antiphon.**

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

*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;** Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea, St Joseph, Portishead.

**Churches Together Prayer Rota** St Giles, Uley.

**Finance** Dursley £306.43 (+ flowers £108.53) Nympsfield £65.30

### **Christmas Quiz**

The winner of the Christmas Quiz was Cecilia Thorley who was the only person to get 100%! Congratulations! And thanks for all your support.

### **Future fundraising**

You might like to put these dates in your new 2018 diaries:  
24 February at 7.30 pm - Quiz. 18 March at 12 noon- Lent Lunch.

### **Water Project**

Our Confirmation candidates have now achieved their goal of celebrating their Confirmation by raising £750 to buy a Community Water Project through Cafod World Gifts. In fact they raised £893.08, so were also able to buy safe water supplies for four families.

The initial Cake Sale raised £177, and Christmas Sales raised £100 in Nympsfield and £196.08 in Dursley. In addition there were many generous gifts from groups and individuals. Thank you all for your amazing support!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Cafod**

Chris Bain, Director of CAFOD, will be speaking at holy Family Church, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP on Wednesday 31 January (7.00 pm - 8.30 pm). Hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe. There will be other CAFOD speakers in our diocese during Lent. Booking is essential as space is limited; email Liz on [ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk](mailto:ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk) or call 01179 428 328.

### **White Flower Appeal**

We shall be holding this appeal on the weekend of 14 January for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

### **Christmas Mass times**

<b>Saturday 23 December 5.30pm</b>	<b>Nympsfield</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Advent)</b>	
<b>Sunday 24 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 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 Morning</b>