

Saturday	1 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	2 Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass <i>Carmine Donofrio</i>	Dursley Dursley
Monday	3 Dec	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Tuesday	4 Dec	7.00 pm	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday	5 Dec	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday	6 Dec	11.30 am	Mass	Convent, Nympsfield
Friday	7 Dec	7.00 pm	<b>No Mass</b>	Dursley
Saturday	8 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	9 Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass <i>Luigi Paoletti RIP</i>	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.

### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

*PLEASE PRAY for the souls of George Wilcox, Theresa Cooper, Peter Crowley and all others who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.*

*PLEASE PRAY also for the sick and housebound of our parish.*

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Gerard Majella, Knowle, Christ the King West Knowle, St Bernadette, Whitchurch.

**Churches Together Prayer Rota:** St George's.

<b><u>Finance</u></b>	Dursley £161.56	Nymphsfield £73.20
<b><u>Diocesan Youth Service</u></b>	£84.69	£28.42

### **Poor Missions of the Diocese.**

There is a special collection next week-end for parishes and other centres in our diocese that struggle to be self-sufficient financially. Dursley was a 'poor mission' once!

### **200 Club**

November winners; £40 - Mrs C Moloney; £30 - Mrs J Harper; £20 - Jamie Whitney.

### **Year of Prayer**

It is prayer that gives life and strength to our mission. As we begin to listen again to Luke's Gospel, Bishop Declan asks us all to reflect on how we can become more and more a people who meet Jesus in the liturgy and in personal prayer.

Jesus tells us that God is reaching out to us. Prayer is what springs up in our hearts when we respond to his call. So it is about listening as well as talking - 'an intimate conversation'.

### **Christmas Sale today**

The Confirmation candidates will be holding a Sale in the Hall after the 10.30 Mass today (2 December), selling all sorts of goods on a Christmas theme. Do come along and see what is on offer, and perhaps help our fundraising by buying something! We are trying to raise £300 for a CAFOD Medical Outreach Team by Christmas, and we are nearly half way there! Thank you so much!

Eliza, Emma-Peggy, Fenn, Hettie, Jade, Karolina, Monika, Pawel and Ruby.

### **First Sundays**

Young people meet at 10.30 am this Sunday, 2 December, in the Presbytery for their own Liturgy of the Word - all welcome.

### **Church Decorations for Christmas**

On Monday 10 December at 9.30 am there will be coffee and mince pies in the Presbytery when we will be planning the Christmas decorations in the church at St Dominic's. Do come if you are able to help.

Over the next two weekends there will be a collection in St Dominic's and St Joseph's towards the cost of decorations.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

Please come and join St Peter's RC High School Choir for a festive evening of music and readings at 7pm on Friday 14 December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Tickets £3 (£1 concessions) are available from the school Reception (01452 520294) or [boxoffice@sphs.uk.com](mailto:boxoffice@sphs.uk.com) or on the door. Everyone welcome and please come to support us.

### **Choir Practice for 'Midnight Mass'**

These will continue on Tuesdays 4 and 11 December and Friday 21 December at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to join the choir for this occasion is welcome.

### **Men's Group (aka Saints and Sinners).**

**Cancelled so we can attend Fr Christopher Whitehead's Induction Mass celebrated by Bishop Declan in Stroud on Friday 7 December at 7pm.**

### **First Holy Communion**

Application forms are available at the back of the church for those wishing to be considered for preparation for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year.

### **Oriana Singers Concert**

Tickets are now available for this Christmas event (at St Dominic's on Thursday 20 December at 7.30pm). It will include a mixture of old and new Christmas songs, including a new commission by Bristol composer Helen Jacobs called 'The Miracle Hymn'; this was made famous by Susan Boyle in the 2013 film 'The Christmas Candle' which was filmed in Gloucestershire. Other works in the concert will be 'When a Child is Born' and 'Mary's Boy Child' as well as early music by Hassler and Sweelinck. Tickets (to include refreshments) £8; under 16 free.

### **Friends at Christmas**

Friends at Christmas are asking for donations of small gifts to give to guests on Christmas day and Boxing day. Please see the notice in St Dominic's church porch.

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