

Saturday	22 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	23 Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass <i>Jean Harper RIP</i> Mass <i>Penny Wride RIP</i>	Dursley Dursley
Monday	24 Dec	9.00 am 6.00 pm 8.45 pm 9.00 pm	No Mass Children's Mass of Christmas Carols Mass of Christmas Night	Dursley
Tuesday	25 Dec	8.30 am 10.00 am	Mass of Christmas Morning Mass of Christmas Day	Dursley Nympsfield
Wednesday	26 Dec	9.00 am	No Mass	Dursley
Thursday	27 Dec	10.00 am	No Mass	Convent, Nympsfield
Friday	28 Dec	7.00 pm	No Mass	Dursley
Saturday	29 Dec	9.00 am 5.30 pm	No Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	30 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 dew from above, you heavens, and let clouds rain down the Just one;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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 souls of Penny Wride, Jean Harper and 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 the Parish.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Edmund, Calne, St Anthony of Padua, Melksham.
Churches Together Prayer Rota: St Mark's.

Finance Dursley £273.00 Nympsfield £43.80 (8.12.18 - £120.60)
Church Decorations £135.20

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'.

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. We shall soon be contacting those who have returned them to arrange a meeting after school on a Wednesday afternoon at St Joseph's School, Nympsfield, in the New Year.

Friends at Christmas

Every year, people in Cam, Dursley and district pool resources and create a warm-hearted community Christmas open to anyone in the area who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Friends at Christmas are asking for donations of small gifts we can wrap and give to guests, such as: chocolate, sweets and biscuits, handkerchiefs, socks, gloves, scarves, stationery, toiletries (no perfumes please!). Please do not wrap gifts. There is a box in St Dominic's church porch.

This is an initiative of Churches Together. If you would like to contribute in other ways contact Christine on 01453 543485 or Teresa on 07814 625545 after 2pm.

Men's Group (aka Saints and Sinners).

Our next meeting will be on Friday 11 January for 7 pm Mass and refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Apostleship of the Sea

The AoS have sent a message thanking all those who knitted woolly hats for seamen. They have gone all over the world! Furthermore they have been praised for their quality. More hats would be gratefully received, so keep knitting... and thank you.

Welcome

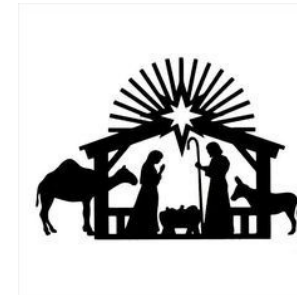
Next weekend (29 and 30 December) we shall again welcome Canon Thomas Atthill who will be presiding at our Masses while Father Philip is away on a short break.

White Flower Appeal

We shall be holding a White Flower Appeal over the weekend of 12-13 January for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Such appeals make a big material contribution to SPUC's urgent life-saving work. Please keep this work in your prayers during the Christmas season.

2019 Clifton Liturgical Diaries and Directories are now available. Price £6.50 for diaries, £5.00 for directories.

Father Philip and Deacon Domenic wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24 December

**6.00 pm Children's Mass of Christmas, Dursley
8.45 pm Carols, 9.00 pm Mass of Christmas Night, Dursley**

Tuesday 25 December

**8.30 am Mass of Christmas Morning, Dursley
10.00 am Mass of Christmas Day, Nympsfield**