



The Catholic Church of
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and
St Francis of Assisi Church, Tamworth Road,
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Times of Masses and other Services: The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): C.

Third Week of Advent: 15th – 21st December 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)

Rose	Saturday 14th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent Year C</i>	PARISH FINANCES
	5:00pm: Confessions	7 th / 8 th December 2024
	5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Private Intention (PS)	Envelopes: £ 214. 00
Rose	Sunday 15th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent Year C</i>	Loose Plate: £ 193. 79
	9:00 am: Mass; Trevor Jones RIP	S / Orders: £ 418. 00
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); James Barnes RIP	TOTAL: £ 825. 79
V	Monday 16th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	Poor & Needy Parishes: £ 180. 55
	9:00 am: Mass; Fr David Lloyd RIP	
V	Tuesday 17th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); The Ashton Family (RIP)	
V	Wednesday 18th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
	10:00 am: Mass; Tony Crump RIP (Kerry)	
V	Thursday 19th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
	NO MORNING MASS	
V	Friday 20th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
	10:00 am: Mass; Canon John Gunn RIP	
V	Saturday 21st December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C</i>	
	5:00 pm: Confessions	
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Loretto Community (Breame)	
V	Sunday 22nd December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C</i>	
	9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David T Morgans Jnr. RIP (11 th Anniversary) (Harvey)	

<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Ann Harrison, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Francis Kildear, Brenda Lowe, Jim Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Eileen Thompson Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.
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Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue.
SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings pages 71ff / Order of the Mass pages 522ff).

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Anthony Gallagher*, who died on *Wednesday 10th December 2024*. Details of his Funeral will appear when known. We remember him and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue **THIS Monday, 16th December 2024** at **7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Lord's Prayer*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS: Calling all cleaning teams and anyone else who would like to help, we will be cleaning the Church ready for Christmas on Monday 23rd December 2024 at 2:00 pm, followed by Mince pies and Mulled Wine in the Church Hall, so come along if you can and make our Church extra shiny this Christmas. – Thank you – *Marie*.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PUPILS AND STAFF: would like to invite you to their Annual Carol Concert which is to be held on *Wednesday 18th December 2024* at **6:00 pm** at St John the Evangelist Church, Midland Avenue, Stapleford. NG9 7BT. The Year 5/6 Choir will be leading the singing and the Chaplaincy Team and Staff will be sharing the Christmas Story. It is a fantastic opportunity to take some time out before Christmas and it would be wonderful to see our Parish Communities coming together. We hope to see you there.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: “The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing” (CCC §2626). Full reflection at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: We will begin our Parish preparations for the 2025 First Holy Communion with an Enrolment Mass early in the New Year. Could I ask that the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please see me soon as possible about to collect an Enrolment Form for their child (ren) and return the completed Form (s) to me before **31st December 2024**.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025: We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Autumn 2025, this would be a joint celebration for both parishes. Applications will be open to young people currently in year 7 or above who haven’t yet been Confirmed and are interested in exploring their faith. We will need catechists to be able to run this programme too – training and support will be given to willing volunteers who want to see teenagers grow in faith. If you are interested in being confirmed, your child/children being confirmed or being a catechist please speak to Fr Christopher (*Enrolment Forms are now available*). or email: Joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk

MISSIO: It’s time to hand in your Red Boxes for the end of 2024. A big thank you for all your charitable contributions throughout the year, be assured your kindness has helped to aid great works around the world. – *Kerry Garton*.

Times of Masses for Christmas

Tuesday 24th December: *The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)*

Vigil Mass for Christmas: 4:00 pm; The Assumption, Beeston

Vigil Mass for Christmas: 6:30 pm; St Francis of Assisi, Long Eaton

Wednesday 25th December: *The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)*

Midnight Mass for Christmas: Midnight; The Assumption, Beeston

Christmas Morning Mass: 9:00 am; The Assumption, Beeston

Christmas Morning Mass: 11:00 am; St Francis of Assisi, Long Eaton

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CHURCH FLOWERS