



St Catherine of Siena

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reflection: On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-advent-cycle-c-sunday-connection>

Please Pray for the Sick: P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry and Pat Hillman.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

Sat	22/12	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	No Intention
Sun	23/12	11 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	No Intention
Mon	24/12	5:30 pm 11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Children's mass Christmas Vigil	Special Intention
Tues	25/12	11 am	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Margaret and Kevin
Fri	28/12	11 am	Feast of Holy Innocent	No Intention
Sat	29/12	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	No Intention
Sun	30/12	11 am	Feast of Holy Family	No Intention

Confessions and Rosary for the Month of December

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 am.

Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm.

Standing Order Forms

The standing order forms are now ready and available, Please contact David on 07745610615 for more information.

Church Fund Raising

Thank you to Everyone who contributed to our sale and raffle, So far we raised **£621.00**.

Decoration of the Crib and Christmas Tree

Today after 11 am mass, there will be arranging and decoration of the Crib and Christmas tree lead by Chris, Please you are invited to join in this event. Children are welcomed too.

Christmas Masses

24th December 2018 at **5:30 pm** - Children's mass

24th December 2018 at **11:30 pm** - Christmas Eve midnight mass

25th December 2018 at **11 am** - Christmas mass

Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Music director/Organist

Some of you may or may not be aware that Chris is leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the service and dedication he has given to the parish and wish him well in his continuing journey. If anybody likes to play music in the parish, please speak to Fr. Mario after mass or email the church office - stcatsiena@gmail.com.

Baptism preparation course

The next course will be held on Friday 18th of January 2019 and 15th of March 2019; at 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please complete and return a baptism preparation form available on the notice board in the church.

Saturday and Sunday Weekly Collections

Collection Date	Cash	Envelopes	Total
01/02/Dec/2018	£ 308.23	£ 40.00	£ 348.21
08/09/Dec/2018	£ 219.52	£ 53.00	£ 272.52
15/16/Dec/2018	£ 262.07	£ 38.00	£ 300.07

Church Repairs and Conference Centre

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£32,500
Conference Centre	£14,000
Total	£46,500 + VAT

Thank you all for all your contributions. Fundraising ideas are welcomed

Raffle Draw Prizes

As promised raffle was drawn on Monday by the Parish Council members and the result is below -congratulation!

Position	Name	Ticket Number
1 st	C. J	76
2 nd	Mrs Lip	28
3 rd	Catherine	180
4 th	Kevin	6
5 th	Paddy O. R.	124
6 th	John Kiely	48
7 th	-	110
8 th	-	106
9 th	David S.	160
10 th	Tom Webb	164

Please collect your prize at the back of the church after mass!