

2018 at St. Marie's Cathedral. The evening will begin with the usual 5:30pm Mass and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm. During this time, Mission teams will go out into the streets around the Cathedral and invite people into the Church to light a candle and place it on the altar. These events have been extremely blessed in the past, with roughly 300 people coming into the Cathedral each evening. Why not come along to help, join in or pray?

**Bambinelli Sunday:** On the weekend of **15/16 December** - the 3rd Sunday of Advent our parish has invited all the children and their families who have been baptised this year to come to mass and be welcomed by the parish community. It also Bambinelli Sunday when all families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their crib to have it blessed during mass. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you don't have a Baby Jesus figure don't worry as you will be given one. This was a lovely occasion last year and has now become one of our Advent traditions, everyone is welcome please invite family and friends. **There will be no Children's Liturgies on the Saturday & Sunday masses this weekend.**

**Carol Singing:** Carol singing around the parish will take place this year on **Sunday 23rd December**. Why not come and join us in this parish tradition starting from Granny Vera's-15 Blackhill Rd Brecks S653DU at 4pm. We then make our way down the estate arriving at The Tabard at about 7pm for more carolling with our friends and families. All welcome.

**Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to join a hospitality team to provide refreshments at various parish events that are going to take place over the next few weeks. If you have an hour to spare and would like to serve our parish in this valuable way please speak to Tina (07977869594) or Mandy (07894340823). Any offers of help would be much appreciated.

**CAFOD:** World Gifts booklets are arriving soon! Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. For example, when you buy our Chirpy Chickens gift for a loved one, you support our work with poor farmers in rural areas.

**New Collection Envelopes:** The New Collection Envelopes for those who use them regularly are now ready for collecting and are to be used as from the 1st December. If you would like to start using the envelopes please speak to Fr Desmond and he will introduce you to the system.

**Raffle tickets:** Raffle tickets are for sale for Mary's Meals charity which feeds 1.3 million children every day in a school based feeding programme. The tickets are 20 pence each and available at the back of church

**Situations Vacant:** There is a page on the Parish website which advertises a variety of jobs available. Please have a look—add it to your “favourites”.

**The Parish Website:** the Parish website has had a bit of a facelift. Please have a look at it—in particular have a look at Wednesday Word (available from Thursdays) which helps us to prepare for the coming weekend's readings and Gospel.

**Notices for the Bulletin:**

Could all contributions for the bulletin please ensure that notices are received **no later than Thursdays** at [immaculateconceptionnews@gmail.com](mailto:immaculateconceptionnews@gmail.com). Thanks. If anyone would like to start receiving bulletins by email, then please email the above account and we will add you to the distribution list.

# The Church of the Immaculate Conception

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**2nd December 2018**

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**Services this week:**

	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>St Gerard's</i>	
<b>Sat 1st Dec</b>	6:00pm (Vigil) Patrick O'Brien		First Sunday of Advent
<b>Sun 2nd Dec</b>	9:00am Elizabeth Price 6:00pm Night Prayer	11:00am Whelan and Ball Families	First Sunday of Advent
<b>Mon 3rd Dec</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	9:30am Kitty and Lucy Glennon	St Francis Xavier
<b>Tues 4th Dec</b>	9:00am Tom O'Brien	<i>No Mass</i>	Advent Weekday
<b>Wed 5th Dec</b>	8:30am Holy Souls	12noon Jacinta Charmak	Advent Weekday
<b>Thu 6th Dec</b>	7:00pm Kathleen Holleran	<i>No Mass</i>	Advent Weekday
<b>Fri 7th Dec</b>	9:30am Fr Tom Durkin	<i>No Mass</i>	St Ambrose

<b>Sat 8th Dec</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	10:00am Funeral Mass for Peggy Ahmed	Immaculate Concep- tion of the BVM
<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Confession Saturday 10:00am—11:00am Confession from 5-15pm to 5-45pm</i>			
<b>Sat 8th Dec</b>	6:00pm (Vigil) People of the Parish	<i>No Mass</i>	Second Sunday of Advent
<b>Sun 9th Dec</b>	9:00am Simon Rourke	11:00am Yvonne Hamshaw	Second Sunday of Advent

**Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends:**

Joyce Baird, Eric Beaumont, Chris Bell, Kathleen Boyle, Fr Tony Burke, Mary Butler, Rebecca Emmott, Jane Kelly, David Lewis, Keith Marshall, Christopher Neal, Monica Price, Paddy Ross, Gareth Scott, Josey Thomas, and for all who suffer physical, mental or emotional pain.

*If you wish to ask for prayers for someone who is ill or who has died recently please give details to Mgr Desmond.*

**Please pray for:**

Peggy Ahmed, Joseph Braithwaite, Mrs Rose McLaughlin and all those who have died recently. We also pray for Edna Tonks, James Cahill, Mrs B Cawley (2nd), Olive Pickering (3rd), Fr Reginald Bessler (5th), Joe Ross, Neil Moffatt, Peter Carney (6th), William Lyorskey (7th), David Reid, Susan McConlounge (8th) and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN**

*We also pray for*

*All who are ill at home, or in hospital, and for those who care for them.*

## NOTICES

**Readers at Weekend Masses:** As Advent marks the beginning of liturgical Year C, copies of the 'Workbook for Lectors ... and Proclaimers of the Word' are available in the storeroom (ie where the hymn books are stored). There are copies available for the person responsible for each of the 1st and 2nd Readings: a set of 2 books each for Saturday and for each Sunday Reader. They need to be available for the following week's Readers so please collect one after the Mass on the weekend before your place on the rota and return it by the beginning of Mass on the day that you are

to proclaim the Word. Thank you

**Collections:** Thank you for last week's offertory collection.

**Night Prayer:** Night prayer will take place in church during the four Sundays of Advent at 6pm. All welcome.

**100 Club:** Congratulations to Paul Lister who wins the £100 cheque in the November draw. Well done with number 153.

**New Members** We have lost a few members over the last past couple of weeks, some of whom have been members since we started, so we are really looking for a few more members to make up the numbers. If you are in a position to pay £2 a week to help the maintenance of the church then please see a collector at the back of church. You know you want to and it makes good sense. You would also, of course, be entered into the monthly draws so its a win-win situation.

**Lectio Divina:** A four week programme of prayer through Lectio Divina continues on the **6th December** 7-30pm in the parish room. This is an ecumenical project open to anyone who would like to take part and will be supported by parishioners from St Cuthberts, United Reform Church and Broom Methodists. Lectio Divina is a simple method of prayer meaning 'reading with God'. This helps us to be aware and open to God speaking to us through scripture, we listen and then respond.

**First Holy Communion Programme Meeting For Parents:** There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 5th December** 7-00pm at St Mary's School meeting room for parents of children who are to make their First Holy Communion during 2019.

**House Blessing:** If you would like to have your house blessed please let Fr Desmond know asap and confirm a date for the blessing.

**Nativity:** Volunteers Wanted to assemble the nativity! If you are free on the morning of **Saturday, 15th December**, please sign up at the back of church. Tea, coffee and bacon butties for the volunteers! The nativity is a great addition to the community at this special time of year.

**Sunday Night Café for the Homeless:** On **16th December** its our Parish's turn to provide a meal for the vulnerable and needy in our community. We would like to make this an extra special meal since it is the week before Christmas. We would also like to provide each visitor with a Christmas gift bag. We are asking for donations of hats/gloves, shower gels/bubble baths, chocolates, biscuits etc. Any cash donations would also be appreciated towards the cost of providing the meal. We have collection points at the back of church and at St Mary's School. You may also pass any goods or cash to Mr or Mrs Veal

**Festive Meal:** There will be a parish festive meal at The Tabard on **Thursday 6th December** at 6pm. Please contact Mandy on 07894340823 to book a place or speak to Granny Vera.

**Community Carol Service:** Our Annual Community Carol Service will be held on **Tuesday 11th December** at 6pm in church, followed by refreshments. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours to this lovely occasion.

**Christmas Fun Day:** All are welcome to our Christmas Fun Day on **Saturday 15th December** from 2-5pm in the Parish room. This is a fundraiser for Mary's Meals charity which provides 1.3 million meals to children daily around the world. Santa will be there and Christmas crafts and refreshments will be available. The cost is £3 per child to get a gift from Santa in his grotto. All welcome.

**Nightfever:** The next Nightfever Sheffield will be on **Saturday 15th December**