

ST FRANCIS DE SALES & ST GERTRUDE CHURCH

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15th December 2024: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18. **Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3,4, 5-6. **2nd Reading:** Phil. 4:4-7. **Gospel:** Lk 3:10-18

2nd Collection:

NEXT:

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat- 14 th	18.30	
Sun-15 th	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	
Mon-16 th		NO MASS
Tue-17 th	09.30	
Wed-18 th	09.30	
Thur-19 th	09.30	
Fri-20 th	09.30	
Sat-21 st	18.30	
Sun-22 nd	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	

PASTORAL TEAM	ORDER OF MASS	
Fr Michael Faneye, MSP: Parish Priest	I Confess	p.8
Mr Charles Madden: PPC Chair	1 st Reading	
Mrs Catherine Biney: Finance	Resp. Psalm	
Mrs Folasade Onile-Ere: Catechist	2 nd Reading	
Mr Patrick Sanniez: Sacristan	Gospel	
Mrs Olanike T. Onikosi: Maintenance	I believe in	p.11
Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am– 1:30pm	Our Father	p.56

PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS	
14 th -20 th	Noreen Power/15 th , Jane Wright/16 th , Raymond Wright/18 th

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sarah Madden, Crystal L, Andrew O’Neill, Patrick Idama, Marie Kallon, Michael McGrath and all our sick and housebound parishioners.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION — 1/12/2024		
Gift Aid	Loose	Total
£181.65	£219.16	£490.81

STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBIT
Offerings can be made by envelope, contactless machine, direct debit or standing order:
RCAS STOCKWELL
NATWEST ACCOUNT NO 28975553
SORT CODE 60-20-31

SPECIAL LITURGY FOR CHILDREN AT 11.00 MASS: We invite the children over the ages of 4 and under 10 to the hall during Mass to reflect on the Scripture Readings at their level. The children will return during the offertory procession.

PARISH COMMUNICATION CHANNEL
Parishioners are encouraged to use the Parish e-mail and/or phone number stated above for all enquiries and requests, for certificates, hall hiring, wedding arrangement, funerals, newsletter, etc.

2024 CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE		
Tuesday 24th December	10.30 pm	Christmas Carols
	11pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday, 25th December	10 am	Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, 1st January 2025	10 am	New Year’s Day Mass

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: We need help on 22nd December '24 after 11am mass to mount the Christmas tree and other decorations.

HALL REFURBISHMENT: The total raised is **£920.00**. Thanks for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT: During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - *hope, peace, joy, and love, as symbolised by the candles in the advent wreath*. For the third Sunday of Advent, a third candle—a pink one—is lit on the Advent Wreath. This candle, often called the Shepherd’s Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born.

CONFESSION: There will be a visiting priest here on Friday, 20th December at 6pm for confession. Please take this opportunity to go to confession. It’s always good to confess frequently to receive communion worthily. Receiving communion for too long without confession is not good for the soul.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION: Conscious and Active Participation in the Holy Mass is very important for all in attendance. This includes: Coming to church on time and be seated before mass begins, remaining in the church till the end and avoid unnecessary distractions during the mass. Also, it’s very important that the faithful respond prayerfully as required to the prayers led by the celebrant.

NOTE FOR ALL READERS: We kindly request that all Readers at mass should make every effort to look and practice reading from the Lectionary at the Altar before mass to be familiar with the words and the readings. Also, to look at the prayer of the faithful before mass to be familiar with it. In addition, let us be gentle in turning the pages, and avoid folding the edges of the pages.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY: It will be observed on the last Sunday in January 2025. It aims to create awareness about a disease that many people believe to be extinct, especially in developed countries. Leprosy is an infectious disease caused by a specific type of bacteria that targets the human body’s nervous system. It generally affects the hands, feet, and face. It is believed to spread through prolonged, close contact and exposure to the bacteria causing it. The day aims to not only educate people about the disease, but to draw attention to those afflicted by it.

Note! For the 1st and 2nd Readings, the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel, please turn over to the other side.