

**PARISH OF THE
MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF
ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**



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**4th Sunday of Advent, YEAR C .
19th December 2021**

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SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Cards are available giving details of all the Christmas Services, in All Saints and St. Stephen's. Please take one. There can be no standing at the Christmas Masses. Additional places available in the Hall with steaming service.

ADVENT

CONFESSIONS

Confession boxes are still out of use. Confessions are available on request. Please go to the Sacristy before Mass.

Penitential Service: Monday 20th

7.00—7.25 p.m. with general absolution.

Confessions will also be heard in the Sacristy after Mass.

FEAST DAYS:

Saturday 25th: The Nativity of the Lord.

GENTLE REMINDER: We have been reminded By the Bishops' Conference of the need for ventilation in the church, so when coming to Church, **please wrap up in warm clothes.** Although the heating is on the heat dissipates quickly as we have to leave the doors open.

ADVENT RETREAT

Why not prepare for Christmas by doing an online Advent Retreat at <https://pray-as-you-go.org>. There are 3 lines at the top of the page on the right Click on that, then on the Menu press Retreats and Series, after that click the box for Advent and Christmas and choose the Advent 2021 C Stepping Beyond Box.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNER:
Eileen Swan.



**WESTERN CATHOLIC
CALENDARS are on sale, price £3.20.**

MEMORY TREE

There is a Christmas Tree in the Muirhall Street Porch. Gift tags are available and you may want to remember an intention for someone who has gone before marked with the sign of faith. Write on the gift tag and hang on a branch of the tree. If desired, donations may be given.



The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

ST. MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE :

“As with most charities, we've not been immune to the difficulties surrounding Covid -19. The pressures of the pandemic led to an increase in the need for our services and at the same time, the restrictions have led to us facing major funding gaps which threaten our ability to continue to offer these much needed-services”.

All donations to the crib will be given to St. Margaret's

