

ST LAWRENCE AND PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr. B

**SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2011 DPL: ALL UNIVERSITY/
 COLLEGE/ SCHOOLCHAPLAINCIES Hrs: Wk: 4 & Seasonal Proper**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK BUILDING FUND

SAT 17th	CS	5.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN 18th		11.00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Peter De Payva (FMass)</i>
Tue 20th	CS	9.30am	Liturgy of The Word (Weekday of Advent)	
Wed 21st	CS	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Hazel Callie RIP	AT ST LAWRENCE
Wed 21st		7.30pm	Service of Reconciliation	
Thr 22nd		9.30am	Liturgy of The Word	
Fri 23rd	CS	9.30am	Mass	<i>Elizabeth Watkins</i>
SAT 24th		6.00pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL Family Mass	
SAT 24th		12.00pm	CHRISTMAS Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.30pm)	<i>Lorcan O'Rourke (FMass)</i>
SUN 25th	CS	9.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	<i>Legion of Mary</i>
SUN 25th		11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tue 27th	CS	9.30am	No Service	
Wed 28th		9.30am	Mass	<i>Patrick McGettigan</i>
Thr 29th		9.30am	Liturgy of The Word	
Fri 30th	CS	9.30am	Mass	<i>Michael & Mary Magnor & Son (FMass)</i>
SAT 31st	CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD	<i>George Gregory</i>
SUN 1st		11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD	<i>Salvatorian Family</i>

Confessions at St Lawrence Saturday 10.00am - 10.30am. After 11.00am Mass at St Paul's or by appointment.

To contact a Priest Fr. Jim Williams (01454) 312161 or Fr. Frank Bermingham (0117) 983 3939
 Our Lady of Lourdes Office 0117 9498743

To send items for the next newsletter please email: gab56@btinternet.com

MASS TIME THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

ST. Augustine	St. John Fisher	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sat/Sun 17/18th Mass 6.00pm/9.30	Wed 21th Mass 9.30am	Mon 19th
Mon 19th MP & HC 9.10am	MISSION PRAYER <i>New Awakenings</i> Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to reawaken in us a thirst and passion for mission. Grant that your gifts of faith, hope and love will lead us in true discipleship, so that the Good News of Jesus Christ will find a home in our hearts, and open us to the needs of all. Then, trusting in your Almighty power, give us the desire and the courage to proclaim our faith in Him to a broken world.	Tue 20th Mass 9.30am
Tue 20th Mass 7.30pm		Wed 21st
Wed 21th NO MASS		Thur 22nd Mass 9.30am
Thur 22th Mass 9.10am 7.00pm		Fri 23rd
Fri 23th Exposition/Mass 7.00pm/7.30pm		Sat 24th 3.30pm childrens carol service
Sat 24th MP/Mass 9.30am/6.00pm/9.00pm		Sat 24th 11.30pm carol service/M ^o Mass
Sun 25th Mass 10.30am		Sun 25th Mass 9.00am

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children: All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage everyone to access these policies which can be found in the diocesan safeguarding pack along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding page Parish website: <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/safeguarding.html>

NEWSLETTER EDITORS We are at present down to one editor which is too much of a burden for a single person. If you have even rudimentary IT skills you will be able for this task. Ideally we would like to train up one editor for each month of the year to spread the load. Have a think and let me know. FJ

Praying the Rosary in the presence of our Lord: **7.00pm** Tuesday at **St. Pauls** (Deacon Vince) Come and join us for a wonderful hour of prayer

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - JULY 8th 2012 Application forms for First Holy Communion candidates will be available in January from both churches and St Paul's school office. The course will begin on Saturday 25th February 2012.

SVP FUNDRAISING LUNCH Many thanks to all who attended and assisted at the SVP Christmas Appeal Lunch. £219.55 was raised to help the SVP in their mission to provide hampers to those in need of a helping hand at Christmas. The fund will stay open until Sunday if anyone would still like to donate. Please see Pat O'Rourke or any member of the SVP.

44 BONUS BALL: G 268w/n 11 J. NICHOLSON G 269 w/n 2 J. LOCKETT
£25 to each winner /£50 to Building Fund. Going on Holiday? Play in advance! See P.O'Rourke.

What's on?

Readers Course (session 2)
Table Top Sale
Service of Reconciliation
Fabric & Finance
Parish Pastoral Meeting
PICFM Open Meeting

TBC
18th Dec
Wed 21st Dec
12th January
18th January
25th January

After 11am Mass
7.30pm
7.30pm
7.30pm
7.30pm

St. Lawrence
St. Paul's
St Paul's
St. Lawrence Hall
Presbytery
LOL Kingswood



SVP CHRISTMAS PARCELS, 2011

On behalf of the parish, we are hoping to meet the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves, by providing basic foods and some seasonal cheer for their families. We also aim to send a Christmas card and small gift to former parishioners who are now too infirm or elderly to join us in Church. If you know of anyone who would be helped by receiving a hamper or gift, please contact us as soon as possible. Parishioners have always generously supported our efforts, especially at Christmas, so if you can possibly help with the following non-perishable items we would be most grateful: Packets of e.g. tea, sugar, soups, rice, pasta, custard Tinned goods such as: soups, fish, meat, beans and other vegetables, puddings, custard, fruit If you would like to add any small luxuries such as: Bottles/cans of squash or other soft drinks, jams, jellies, biscuits, sweets, Christmas "nibbles", or any seasonal goods of your choice, these would be very gratefully received. Please leave your gifts, unwrapped, at either church by Sunday, 18th December.

BREAKING OPEN OF SCRIPTURES FOR ADVENT As part of our preparations for the Christmas Season, there will be meetings in St. Paul's. The readings for the following Sunday will be read and a reflection will follow as we try to understand what the Lord is saying to us today. *Weds. 21st December at St. Paul's, Yate, 2-3pm ALL WELCOME*



POINSETTIA APPEAL Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those wishing to buy a Poinsettia plant for the Church at Christmas. Closing date 18th December.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST LAWRENCE

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WEEK

If you would like to add your name to the list please see Sally at the back of church. She will issue you with the relevant cards for the week or weeks that you are willing to help with. Many thanks for your very positive response. Fr Jim



Message to Parishioners from the Diocese Safeguarding Office

Please refer to the notice boards in St Lawrence and St Paul's. Copies also available.

TABLE TOP SALE

Table top sale 18th December after 11.00 a.m Mass The children's tombola at the Christmas bazaar had items left over. Because of this we are having a sale of NEW children's toys which will be suitable for Christmas stocking- fillers. The items will be 50p and £1, so do your last minute shopping after Mass next week. All money raised will be added to the bazaar total for the parish building fund. 11 a.m coffee rota see Judith after Mass as the rota from January is being arranged. Thank you

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation this year will be at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.00pm with Bishop Declan. Those eligible for the sacrament are any of secondary school age or above. Candidates are asked to write to their Parish Priest briefly explaining their desire for the sacrament and an application form will be sent in return. Please respond

Thursday 10th May 2012

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL The latest edition of the Sunday Missal is now on sale at the back of the Church There are copies for £7.99, and £9.99. Christmas cards cribs and other religious items are also on sale.

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST. PAUL'S. Because of the work being carried out on the roof, Christmas Cleaning is not being carried out. Once the workmen have taken the scaffolding down, the Church will need a general clean. We hope we will get volunteers to help with this work.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Rouse your power Lord and come to our help. As we turn away from trust in ourselves help us turn to trust in you, the source of new life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10/11 December: Gift Aid £171.40 (St L £97.00, St P £74.40) Non Gift Aid £40.00 (St L £22.00, St P £18.00) Cash £284.37, (St L £136.12, St P £148.25). Total £495.77. Building Fund: £30.00. Bazaar: £64.00 Total to date: £1,004.90 Attendance: 285



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION
Meets every Tuesday
6.00pm-7.00pm At St Paul's
To join please phone 01454 312161
Or see John Woods



Legion of Mary
For details of times and venue of meetings
please contact: 01454 321749
Many Thanks