

2015—2016 THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

The Holy Year of Mercy began on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica Rome.

The Basilicas in Rome, all Cathedrals in the Catholic world, each designated church and place of pilgrimage in every diocese have an official Holy Door, Door of Mercy

On Sunday, December 13th, Archbishop Longley will formally open **St. Chad's Cathedral** Door of Mercy at the beginning of 11am Mass, and inaugurate the Diocesan Year of Mercy.

Designated Jubilee Churches and Places of Pilgrimage in the diocese will also open Doors of Mercy on during a Sunday Mass on 13th December. See Archdiocese of Birmingham website Events diary for details.

Opening of Doors: The Door of Mercy, Holy Door, becomes a symbol of opening to the fullness of God's love, and invites us to pass through as a sign that we wish to experience God's mercy and to take it to others. The door represents a new opening for God's mercy to every heart.

Each Christian is called to seek and receive God's mercy and convey it to others through whatever door we pass, whatever thresholds we pass, and whoever we meet during this year.

What is Mercy....? We tend to think of 'mercy as compassion or sympathy, but the word goes deeper. Having mercy is more than feeling sorry for someone. It means we enter into the other person's situation, feel their pain, see through the other person's eyes and place ourselves inside the other person's heart and mind. When that happens we are moved to respond in a merciful way.

Mercy grows in us as we reflect on how God has been merciful to us—Parables of Mercy (Luke 15; Matthew 18:21-35)



'For his mercy endures forever....'

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THIRD Sunday of Advent

19th/20th December 2015

Year of Luke (C)

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Third Sunday of Advent



Mass times and intentions below:

Vigil Mass Saturday:	3rd Sunday of Advent 1.00 pm	Mary Coogan (anniversary)
SUNDAY	11.30 am	Jim Kehoe R.I.P
Monday	12 noon	Fr. John Joe Downey (anniversary)
Tuesday	7.30 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12 noon	Pat Devenney (anniversary)
Thursday	12 noon	Billy Nock (anniversary)
Friday	9.15am	Mass at St. Anne's School
	12 noon	Peter Hynes (anniversary)
Vigil Mass Saturday:	4th Sunday of Advent 1.00 pm	Eileen Kelliher (anniversary)
SUNDAY	11.30 am	People of the Parish

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Alcester Street
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0121 604 6111

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School
Lowe Street,
B12 OER
0121 675 5037

Welcome to all our visitors! There is a 'quick' cup of tea/coffee in the TwentyTen Room (next to the sacristy) after Saturday's 1pm Mass; on Sundays after Mass meet and greet one another with a cuppa in the Parish Centre. On Wednesdays after 12 noon Mass the **'Wednesday Club'** meet in the Parish Centre for a meal, a chat, bingo. All welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11.00 am to 11.45 am
Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):

Wednesday 11.00am to 11.45am
Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesday during Mass
Rosary is recited publicly Monday to Saturday before Mass.

Finance:	Offertory	£609.25
	Wednesday	£54,14

Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: for those whose anniversaries occur about now especially Paddy & Katie Flynn, Billy Nock Pat Devenney, Fr. John Joe Downey, Peter Hynes, Eileen Kelliher: Frs. Cyril Barlow, John Griffith, Joseph Rowland, Denis Ryan, Michael McKiernan, Peter Kavanagh, Fergus O'Connell, Daniel O'Connor, Michael O'Meara. Mgr. Bernard Navin; Deacons Bryan Salter, Henry Atkinson for Religious Priests, Sisters, Brothers who ministered in this area, and for deceased benefactors and parishioners of St Anne's.

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, Lowe Street, B12 OER,
Nativity Play on Monday 14th December at 1.45pm in the school hall.
On Wednesday 16th December at 6pm the school presents Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in the school hall. Admission by ticket only, contact 0121 675 4990

Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter—Please note: our rota begins on Monday 22nd February until Monday 28th March. Volunteers' train-

Preparing for Christmas,.....

Cathedral Deanery: Year of Mercy—Deanery Penance Service

To launch the Year of Mercy under the patronage of Blessed Dominic Barberi and Venerable Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, an Advent Penance Service will be held at St. Francis' Church, Handsworth B19 1EB on Monday 14th December at 7.30p.m.

Following the Penance Service, there will be the Opening of the Door of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy – designated Place of Pilgrimage. Please make a note of the day and time and encourage others to join us.

There will be a mini-bus leaving from St. Anne's carpark on Monday at 6.45pm for people who otherwise may not have transport to St. Francis'

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anne's

Wednesday 16th December - 11.00am to 11.45am
Saturday 19th December - 11.45am to 12.45pm
Monday 21st December - 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 23rd December - 10.45am to 11.45am
Thursday 24th December - 11.00am to 12.30am

Celebrating Christmas.....

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass 1.00 pm followed by Carols until 2.30 pm
Midnight Mass under Candlelight, with Carols from 11.15 pm and Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day: 8.00 am Lithuanian Community Christmas Mass
11.30 am Mass

Saturday 26th December: 1.00 pm Vigil Mass of Feast of the Holy Family. Slovak Community will provide music at this Mass.

Please note: Candlelight Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Archdiocese of Birmingham **Catholic Directory** 2016 on sale in piety shop cost £275. Also available some CDs, Catholic Diaries—useful