

**2015—2016 THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**

Announced by Pope Francis, the Holy Year of Mercy begins on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the Opening of the Holy Door in Rome. On December 13th cathedrals and churches around the world will welcome the Year by opening a Door of Mercy for the faithful. On Tuesday December 8th, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 12.15pm at St. Chad's Cathedral with the Cathedral Chapter for our diocesan celebration of the Immaculate Conception.

On Sunday, December 13th, His Grace will formally open the Cathedral Door of Mercy and inaugurate our Cathedral Pilgrimage at the beginning of 11am Mass.

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

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Opening of Doors:** The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.

The 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 door represents a new to every heart. Each and receive God's mercy through whatever door thresholds we pass, during this year. The cathedrals in the Catholic church and place of pilgrimage in every diocese



**St. Anne's Catholic Church, Alcester Street, Birmingham B12 OPB.**  
St. Anne's is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered charity no. 234216

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2015**

**5th/6th**

**Year of Luke (C)**

**Parish Mass Book:**  
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First Sunday of Advent



<b>Vigil Mass Saturday:</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>	Delia Hegarty (anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11.30 am <b>3pm Annual Catholic Fellowship Carol Service</b>	Frank Mullin (anniversary)
Monday	<b>12 noon</b>	James Sullivan R.I.P
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Catherine Lavin R.I.P.
<b>Thursday</b>	12 noon	Mary Kelly R.I.P
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Philip Leighton (anniversary)
<b>Vigil Mass Saturday:</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>	Mary Coogan (anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11.30 am	Jim Kehoe R.I.P

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**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:**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>£573.09</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>£48.55</b>

**Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: Kathleen Keegan, Eileen Tiernan, Matt Cleary;** for Religious Priests, Sisters, Brothers who ministered in this area, and for deceased benefactors and parishioners of St Anne's. We pray for those whose anniversary occur about now..

**Parish Visitations:** A Warm Welcome to Archbishop Bernard on his Parish Visitation. Over the weekend the Archbishop welcomes the opportunity after Mass or over a cuppa to meet parishioners and those who worship here. On Saturday afternoon The Archbishop will visit St. Anne's Hostel, Moseley Street and Birmingham Children's Centre. Moseley Road, During 11.30am on Sunday, pupils from St. Anne's Catholic Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Later in the afternoon His Grace will visit Small Heath Boxing Club, Adderley Road. On Sunday afternoon the annual Carol Service and Party with the Catholic Fellowship will take place

**Advent day of Prayer** at St. Mary's Convent Handsworth on Saturday 12th December from 10am to 3.30p. Contact St. Mary's Convent 0121 554 3271 or sistersofmercy@btconnect.com See poster

**JOURNEY in FAITH** Group meet on Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am in the Presbytery Meeting Room, very interesting discussions are held on a variety of topics. All welcome!

**St. Paul's Convent Selly Park** seek to appoint a Part-time Laundry & General Assistant see noticeboard for details,

**Congratulations** to John Curtin who completed the 2015 Morrisons Great Birmingham Run, raising £290 for CAFOD. Thanks for your support.

**Carols for the Business Community** at St. Philip's Cathedral Colmore Row on Wednesday 16th December 1pm to 2pm and 5.45pm to 6.45pm



**BIBLE SUNDAY....** Today, second Sunday of Advent, parishes in England and Wales are invited to celebrate Catholic Bible Sunday. This year's theme is **'Embracing the Gospel of Mercy'**. Catholic Bible Sunday provides an opportunity for everyone to give thanks for the gift of the Bible, and also invites a deepening of understanding of its message.

The celebration of the Sunday, this year, comes just days before Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Pope desires that the Year "will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!" He hopes that, "the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" (Bull of Indiction 5)

An important way in which believers and non-believers alike encounter the 'balm of mercy' is through the Bible stories and texts. It is therefore hoped that on Catholic Bible Sunday this year two things will be invited and encouraged:  
To read the Gospel of Luke, also known as the 'Gospel of Mercy'.