

Sunday 29th – Regular Holy Mass at 9.30am
Tuesday 31st – Midnight Service at 11.30pm
saying goodbye to 2024
Wednesday 1st January 25 – Thanksgiving New Year Service
at 11.00 am
with bring and share lunch.

Please pray for the sick or those in need of prayer: John and Esther Williams, Enid Davis, Brandon, Nancy Loveridge, Barney, Gloria Boothe, Monica, Patrick, Judi, Joshua, Linda, Val, Pauline, Angela Morrow, Steven, Julie Porter.
Those who have recently died: Terry
Anniversary of death: Lorraine Maria Lawrence-Campbell, Joan Romanes, Phillip Mhike, David Chorangi, Jack Jones, Barbara Brown.

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Welcome to St Andrew's Church Handsworth

If you are a visitor thank you for joining us for the service. We are a very friendly and warm community. We hope you will enjoy the service and be filled with God's love. We will pray for you and your loved ones. We hope to see you with us again.

Sunday 22nd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 am: Holy Mass
At Good Shepherd Hall

Led by: Fr Paskal Preacher: Carole
Prayers: Shebina Chalice: Alison

Hymn numbers: 692 650 166 59 463

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel: Luke 1:39- 55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour

on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Notices**Carol Service at Good Shepherd Hall**

This afternoon, Sunday 22nd December at 4.30pm. Please join us with your family members and friends. Fr Paskal

Christmas Services

Tuesday 24th – Midnight Service 11.30pm

Wednesday 25th – Christmas Day Service at 10.00 am

Sacrificial Giving – First Sunday of every month

Please use blue envelopes for your sacrificial giving. If you are a tax payer, please put your details. Fr Paskal

No Thursday Service

On 26th December & 2nd January 25. Fr Paskal