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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 7th December 2ND Sunday of Advent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Pat Parish Intentions of Oudey Hikary	Carol Patterson
Monday, 8th December Immaculate Conception of BVM	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sr Mary Carr	Sr Bridget Carr
Tuesday, 9th December	9:30 a.m.	+ Toni Mattimoe	Gerard Lawler
Wednesday, 10th December St John Roberts	9:30 a.m.	+ Josephine Ronan	Kitty & Helen
Thursday, 11th December	9:30 a.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Friday, 12th December	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Saturday, 13th December St Lucy	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	Eileen Roberts
Sunday, 15th December 3RD Sunday of Advent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	+ Ursula White Parish Intentions of Collette Polish Mass	Sean B. Brooks

CONFESSION: Saturdays after the morning mass and before the evening mass or by appointment.

MORNING PRAISE: 15 minutes before the weekday morning mass.

MARIAN DEVOTION: 15 minutes before the Tuesday evening mass.

BENEDICTION: after the Friday morning mass.

GOSPEL SHARING: after the Thursday morning mass

SICK LIST: Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Fr Eric Wastell, Muriel Donald, Michael O’Kane, Catherine Sullivan, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ron Gaffney, Ciaran Jones, Binoy Thomas, Jim Morrissey, Jean Fonseka, Cliff Griffiths, Eileen Kelly, Kathleen Lewis, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Coble, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, John Blackey, Moira Gwalchmai, Iorwerth Gwalchmai, and all other members of the parish who are unwell at this time.

Hospital? Are you, someone in your family, or a Catholic friend, in hospital or going in soon? Please let us know. We have no other way of learning who is in hospital, to be able to offer them the pastoral care of the of the hospital visitor, or to bring the spiritual healing of the Sacraments.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND (13/14 December)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Geoff Slee	Martina Eddy	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Theo Cox	Margaret Meehan	Elaine Clement
	11:00 a.m.	Ted Geary	Andrew Pover	Steve Smith
COMMUNION	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Pat Morse	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Angela Mugford	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr Bridget Leamy	Zofia Parylak	Sr Bridget Guidera

PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES. Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 941.50. Last Sunday £ 47.10 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. It is a wonderful that the first reading this Sunday is about the joy of the Gospel. The first reading begins with a kind of “call.” In this call, unlike others, several persons are asked to announce the incredible message of God’s coming into a situation of distress. It is not an individual leader or prophet but several different persons from both sexes who together receive the task of proclaiming and preparing for this new coming of God.

The main task of this group is to make fearless proclamation in a loud and audible voice. They shall advertise this “message of joy” that seems so difficult to accept. This Hebrew expression (the corresponding term in Greek and latin is *evangelium*, “good news”) occurs several times in the prophet Isaiah. [Georg Fischer, S.J. and Martin Hasitschka, S.J. *The Call of the Disciple: The Bible on Following Christ* (New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1999), 99.] Blessed be God who called religious men and women who announce the joy of the Gospel.

CAROL SERVICE. The University Carol Service will take place on 09 November at 7:00 pm at the HIVE, Student Union Building. The event is organised by the university chaplaincy and the university choral society. To enable people to attend the University Carol Service, **the mass on Tuesday will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.**

The Carol Service of the **parish** will take place on 20 December, Saturday, at 5:15 pm.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES.

24 December: 9:30 a.m.		25 December: 8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.	Children’s Mass	11:00 a.m.
8:00 p.m.		
10:00 p.m.		

FLOWERS. Donations for flowers to adorn the altar are now welcomed. Please place your donation at the box located at the ambulatory.

GRATITUDE. Thanks to all who supported the parish Christmas Raffle last weekend.

PILGRIMAGES. Sr Margaret is organising pilgrimages to Lourdes on 11 and 18 May; Knock, Ireland on June; Medjugorje on September; Fatima on October. Please get in touch with Sr Margaret (01792473453) or Mrs Miriam Jones (01792516297).

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. Please be reminded that Christmas party will begin at 6:00 p.m.

We wish all those who will join their families next weekend a safe journey. May your Christmas break strengthen your bond with your family. Those who will not be traveling during the Christmas break, please inform the Catholic Chaplain.