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**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 18th January 2ND Sunday of Ordinary Time Week of Christian Unity	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Parish + Sr Josephine Brady Intentions of Jomaru Polish Mass	Jacqueline Reynolds
Monday, 19th January	9:30 a.m.	Louis Soepajadi	Mary Wilson
Tuesday, 20th January	7:00 p.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Wednesday, 21st January St. Agnes	9:30 a.m.	+ Agnes	J. MacCafferty
Thursday, 22nd January	9:30 a.m.	Rose Turner	Mary Wilson
Friday, 23rd January	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	+ Holy Souls	
Saturday, 24th January St. Francis de Sales	9:30 a.m.	+ Augurio	Francisco
Sunday, 25th January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Parish + Concepcion Thanksgiving of Andrew	Rosita

**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:** Thursday 10:00 a.m.

**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 Cobby, 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 ( 24/25 January)**

<b>READERS</b>	6:00 p.m.	George Read	Catherine Hughes-Hole	Mary Wilson
	8:30 a.m.	Elaine Clement	Angelo Sidoli	Martin Kearnes
	11:00 a.m.	Peter Davies	Emma James	Angela Valenzuela
<b>COMMUNION</b>	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Pat Morse	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Maureen Watkins	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr Bridget Leamy	Connie Warren	Sr Bridget Guidera

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES.** Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 860.07. Last Sunday £ 32.00 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday. The money collected for SPUC amounted to £ 343.60. The crib offering amounted to £ 99.90

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE.** The readings for this weekend focus on God's call. God calls Samuel in the first reading and the Gospel presents Jesus calling the first disciples. The letter to Religious entitled *Rejoice* quoted a reflection of the Pope on God's call. "In calling you God says to you: 'You are important to me, I love you, I am counting on you'. Jesus says this to each one of us! Joy is born from that! The joy of the moment in which Jesus looked at me. Understanding and hearing this is the secret of our joy. Feeling loved by God, feeling that for him we are not numbers but people; and we know that it is he who is calling us." *Rejoice* no. 4.

**LECTIO DIVINA 2.** *Lectio Divina* means "sacred reading." It had its origin in the ancient monasteries: the practice is mentioned in the Rule of St Benedict which dates from the early sixth century. In the monastery there would be only one Bible. As the community gathered for prayer, a biblical passage would be read aloud several times. Each monk would then focus on a particular short section of the passage which had struck him, and ruminates on that section while he went about his daily work. In essence, this prayer begins with asking God to reveal what God wishes to reveal through the Bible passage. Then the passage is slowly read, more than once, until a particular word, phrase or sentence jumps out. The person praying then spends time slowly digesting the essence of this fragment, talking to God about it and listening for God's response. (Margaret Blackie, *Rooted in Love: Integrating Ignatian Spirituality into Daily Life* [South Africa: New Voices Publishing, 2013], 16 - 17.

**PILGRIMAGE.** Sr Margaret is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes and other shrines. The pilgrimage will depart on 11 May and return on 18 May (by coach). The cost of the pilgrimage is £599.00. Please get in touch with Sr Margaret at 473453.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.** The first Holy Communion for the parish is scheduled on 31 May, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, at 11:00 a.m. Children aged 7 and above are qualified to join the program. Please get in touch with Veronica Meredith. Instructions will begin on 13 February.

**THEOLOGY PUBLIC LECTURE.** There will be a lecture on 28 January, Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. at Faraday Lecture theatre A. The title of the lecture is "Is Christianity Rational?" It will be delivered by Amy Orr Ewing, Lecturer at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. The lecturer will meet the Catholic students at 5:30 p.m.

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.** Welcome to new students and welcome back to returning students. There will be a short meeting after the mass at the hall.

The Catholic chaplaincy is accepting donations of rosaries and Catholic editions of the Bible for the forthcoming Faith Week.

**GRATITUDE.** Thanks to all the students called "leavers." Thanks for your presence in the church every Sunday, your works in chaplaincy, your witnessing to the Catholic faith, and for your friendship. We wish you safe journey as you join your family of origin. We congratulate you for completing your degree. Please remember us in your prayers and please remember us kindly.