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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 14th December 3RD Sunday of Advent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Ursula White Megan Colwell Intentions of Collette	Sean Mary Hunter B. Brooks
Monday, 15th December	9:30 a.m.	+ Michael	
Tuesday, 16th December	7:00 p.m.	+ Gerard Clement	Elaine
Wednesday, 17th December	9:30 a.m.	Parish	
Thursday, 18th December	9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Lucignoli family	Lorraine
Friday, 19th December	9:30 a.m.	+ James Coahy	Rita & Terry O'Riley
Saturday, 20th December	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Sunday, 21st December 4TH Sunday of Advent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	+ Pat + Pat Parish Polish Mass	Kath & Clif Griffith Mary Hunter

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: will resume next year.

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 (20/21 December)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Nick Potter	George Read	Catherine Hughes Hole
	8:30 a.m.	Angelo Sidoli	Martin Kearnes	Aileen George
	11:00 a.m.	Tony Martin	Paul Gallagher	Emma James
COMMUNION	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Martina Eddy	Paddy Tribe
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Elaine Clement	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 £ 798.00. Last Sunday £ 29.10 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. Traditionally the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. Coincidentally the first document that announced the year of Consecrated Life is entitled Rejoice. It started by recalling what Pope Francis said, “I want to share a message, and the message is joy. Wherever consecrated persons are, there must always be joy.” The same document refers to joy as something connected with one’s fidelity to God. Referring to advent biblical texts of Isaiah 49 and 66 it says, “These texts are rich in meaningful terms: *rejoice, exult, rejoice, solace and delight, abundance, prosperity, fondling*, etc. The people, lacking a relationship of loyalty and love, had fallen into sadness and sterility, but now the power and holiness of God reestablish meaning, full of life and happiness, expressed in terms close to the emotional roots of every human being and prompting emotions of special tenderness and security.”

CAROL SERVICE. Carol service is not just a Christmas tradition. It is biblically rooted. Before the birth of Jesus the Gospel according to Luke presents a lot of hymns, the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat*, even the Hail Mary. These hymns echo the Old Testament hymns of liberation and victory, praising God for his mighty deeds. At the birth of Jesus Luke presents the Holy Angels singing the *Gloria*. Finally, when Jesus was brought to the Temple Simeon sung the *Nunc Dimitis*. Singing is part of the Christmas Story. Please join the parish Carol Service on Saturday, 20 December, at 5:15 p.m.

SVP will meet on Monday, 15 December, at 7:00 p.m. at the sacristy.

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.		

A mass is added on Christmas Eve to avoid overcrowding in the church. The time is adjusted to enable the elderly to participate in the Christmas masses.

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 Carol Service of the University.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. Students who are not traveling during the Christmas break are requested to inform the Catholic chaplain.

Thanks to all who helped in preparing and cleaning the hall last week to celebrate the Christmas party. Thanks to all those who participated. The vice chancellor of the university thanks the CathSoc for their active engagements in the university activities.