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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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 Griffiths Mary Hunter
Monday, 22nd December	9:30 a.m.	+ Eileen & Glyn Davies	Maureen Davies
Tuesday, 23rd December	7:00 p.m.	+ Dolores	
Wednesday, 24th December	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	+ Concepcion Children's Mass + Jean Blackey Intentions of Jomaru	John Blackey
Thursday, 25th December Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	8:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m.	Intentions of Sr Mary Carr Ursuline Sisters at 39 Eaton Crescent	Sr Bridget Carr Kitty & Helen
Friday, 26th December St Stephen	9:30 a.m.	+ Sr Josephine Brady	Vera John
Saturday, 27th December St John Evangelist	9:30 a.m.	+ Barbara McGrath	Terry McGrath
Sunday, 28th December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ John Howard Intentions of Ann Madden Parish	R. Jenkins Sr Bridget Carr

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 (27/28 December)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Mike Merchant	Catherine Hughes Hole	Nick Potter
	8:30 a.m.	Elaine Clement	Cliff Sarfas	Adithya George
	11:00 a.m.	Peter Davies	Connie Warren	Tony Martin
COMMUNION	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	Zofia Parylak	Sr Bridget Guidera

PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES. Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 910.21. Last Sunday £ 44.10 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. The following is a excerpt from the letter to consecrated men and women entitled *Rejoice*. “*Hail, Mother of Joy. Rejoice, full of grace (Lk 1:28)*, “the greeting of the angel to Mary is an invitation to joy, to a deep joy, announcing the end of sadness [...]. It is a greeting that marks the beginning of the Gospel, the Good News”. Alongside Mary joy expands. The Son she carries in her womb is the God of joy, of contagious, engaging delight. Mary throws open the doors of her heart and runs to Elizabeth. “Joyful in achieving her desires, sensitive in her duty, thoughtful in her joy, she hurries towards the mountain. Where, if not towards the summit, should she set out so kindly, she who was already full of God?” (*Rejoice* no. 13).

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES. Please be reminded that the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas eve is Christmas Mass for children. The readings, the music and the liturgy are for children. The parish catechists have organised a liturgy that will help children appreciate the meaning of Christmas.

To avoid overcrowding in the church, please be reminded that there is a vigil mass for Christmas at 8:00 p.m.

To encourage greater participation, the Christmas Mass at night will be celebrated at 10:00 p.m. Please be reminded that this mass will be preceded by Carol singing at 9:30 p.m.

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

CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR. Please remember the poor and the homeless. Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries are needed to be given to the Sisters of Charity - Strand Hostel. Please bring them to Church before the end of the month. For details please get in touch with Joan Ansell (290741).

NEW YEAR. 01 January is not a holiday of obligation but it is good to close the year 2014 with prayers and begin the new year 2015 also with prayers. There will be exposition and benediction on 31 December at 6:30 p.m. and mass will follow at 7:00 p.m. On New Year’s day there will be mass at 9:30 a.m.

A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for devoutly assisting at the recitation of the hymn *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for all the benefits received in the course of the last year. A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for the devout recitation in a church of *Veni Creator*, imploring divine aid for the course of the New Year.

GRATITUDE. At this time of year, the priest, parish sisters, and the parish pastoral team like to say a **Big Thank You** to all those people who do so much to keep the community of Saint Benedict alive and active. There are a lot of people who do a lot of work throughout the year, quietly and without recognition. May God bless you all.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

