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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11th January Baptism of the Lord	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Ursula White Parish + Ignacio Sr	Sean L. Carandang
Monday, 12th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Rosalinda	G. Tato
Tuesday, 13th January	7:00 p.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Wednesday, 14th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Eva & James Rafferty	Eileen & Reg Lewis
Thursday, 15th January	9:30 a.m.	Healing of John Collins	
Friday, 16th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Saturday, 17th January St. Anthony, Abbot	9:30 a.m.	+ Emmanuel	Hilary
Sunday, 18th January 2ND Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Parish + Sr Josephine Brady Intentions of Jomaru	Jacqueline Reynolds

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 week.

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 (17/18 January)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Mike Merchant	Mary Wilson	Paddy Tribe
	8:30 a.m.	Martin Kearnes	Marion Ehrenzeller	Adithya George
	11:00 a.m.	Paul Gallagher	Tony Martin	Connie Warren
COMMUNION	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Pat Morse	Mary Wilson
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Elaine Clement	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr Bridget Leamy	Angela Valenzuela	Sr Bridget Guidera

PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES. Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 855.80. Last Sunday £ 18.00 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 first reading for this weekend emphasizes the efficacy of the Word of God. “The word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.” The letter to consecrated men and women, *Keep Watch*, also points to the fruitfulness of God’s word. “New pathways of faith are springing up today in humble places, under the banner of a Word that, if listened to and lived, will lead to redemption. The institutes of consecrated life and the societies of apostolic life that make decisions on the basis of little signs interpreted in faith, and in a prophetic role that knows how to intuit what is *beyond*, become places of life where the light shines and the invitation rings out calling others to follow Christ. *Keep Watch* 16.

White Flower Appeal - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro- family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

LECTIO DIVINA. In the last parish council meeting it was agreed that the practice of *Lectio Divina* should be explained. Providentially the first reading for today is about the fruitfulness of God’s Word. It should be recalled that last Christmas the second reading was taken from the Letter to the Hebrews 1, 1 - 6. The reading says that God wants to converse with us. The Gospel on Christmas day also says that the “Word was God” (John 1, 1). The Word of God is not a communication of ideas or concepts. It is God himself who is communicated. This is the beauty of *Lectio Divina*, the text that is prayerfully read becomes the gateway to God, the way to personally encounter God. In *Lectio Divina* a real conversation happens: God speaks through the text and we respond to God through heartfelt prayer.

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.

GRATITUDE. The flower arrangers of the church are very grateful for your generous contributions for Christmas decorations.

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.

