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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 4th January Epiphany of the Lord	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Pat Hayes Parish + Peter and Maureen Robinson	Rosemary Lloyd Patricia Crook
Monday, 5th January	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Haslett Family	
Tuesday, 6th January	7:00 p.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Wednesday, 7th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Thursday, 8th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Martin	B. Brooks
Friday, 9th January	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Collette	B. Brooks
Saturday, 10th January	9:30 a.m.	+ Agnes	
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

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 (10/11 January)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Martina Eddy	Nick Potter	Catherine Hughes Hole
	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Meehan	Cliff Sarfas	Aileen George
	11:00 a.m.	Peter Davies	Ted Geary	Peter Cashman
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 £ 889.13. Last Sunday £ 46.10 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 Gospel this weekend takes notice of the gifts of the magi to the new born King. It is good to be reminded that the life and works of religious men and women are considered gifts by the Church. “Indeed from the very beginning of the Church men and women have set about following Christ with greater freedom and imitating Him more closely through the practice of the evangelical counsels, each in his own way leading a life dedicated to God. Many of them, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, lived as hermits or founded religious families, which the Church gladly welcomed and approved by her authority. So it is that in accordance with the Divine Plan a wonderful variety of religious communities has grown up which has made it easier for the Church not only to be equipped for every good work (cf. 2 Tim 3:17) and ready for the work of the ministry-the building up of the Body of Christ (cf. Eph. 4:12)-but also to appear adorned with the various gifts of her children like a spouse adorned for her husband (cf. Apoc. 21:2) and for the manifold Wisdom of God to be revealed through her (cf. Eph. 3:10).” *Perfectae Caritatis* no. 1.

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).

White Flower Appeal - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next 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.

NEW YEAR. For those who want to be a person for others this new year, please try consider to do one of the following Catholic activities. Join the SVP, an organization which is really focused on helping the poor and the marginalized in the society. Get a Red Mission Box. Your little contribution will help missionaries in building and maintaining poorer church communities. Please see Ian Harding if you want to join SVP and Jane Phillips if you want to support the missions.

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

Welcome back to returning students. Please be reminded that the chaplaincy will be opened starting Monday, 05 January. Lectio Divina will resume after the examination week.

GRATITUDE. Thank you very much for your Christmas gifts, Christmas cards, and generous Christmas offerings. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity.