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

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

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
Monday, 29th December	9:30 a.m.	Michael & Gladys	
Tuesday, 30th December	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Wednesday, 31st December	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	+Arthur Baragry	Robin & Family
Thursday, 1st January Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	9:30 a.m.	+ Jose Maria & Dolores	
Friday, 2nd January Ss Basil & Gregory	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday, 3rd January	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Sunday, 4th January Epiphany of the Lord	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Pat Hayes Parish + Peter & Maureen Robinson	Rosemary Lloyd Patricia

**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 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 ( 03/04 January)**

<b>READERS</b>	6:00 p.m.	Geoff Slee	George Read	Helen William
	8:30 a.m.	John Kinsey	Mary Perrot	Marion Ehrenzeller
	11:00 a.m.	Steve Smith	Peter Cashman	Connie Warren
<b>COMMUNION</b>	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Mary Wilson	Paddy Tribe
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Angela Mugford	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 £ 1,037.69. Last Sunday £ 28.10 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 first and second readings this weekend focus on Abraham. He is considered our father in faith. The year of consecrated life celebrates the 50th anniversary of two Vatican II documents: *Lumen Gentium* and *Perfectae Caritatis*. The first is the Constitution on the Church, the second is a Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of religious Life. Chapter 6 of *Lumen Gentium* is about the consecrated life. The Vatican documents echo the Bible's appreciation of Abraham's obedient faith. The second to the last paragraph of chapter 6 appreciates the fidelity of the religious. "Therefore, this Sacred Synod encourages and praises the men and women, Brothers and Sisters, who in monasteries, or in schools and hospitals, or in the missions, adorn the Bride of Christ by their unswerving and humble faithfulness in their chosen consecration and render generous services of all kinds to mankind."

**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.

Thank you very much for your participation in our **Christmas services**. All the services are well attended. Thanks to those who let their children participate in the liturgy. Thanks to those who trained the children in singing and acting. Thanks to the parish choir for the Carol services and for lively mass celebrations. Thanks to those who decorated the church. Thanks to everybody who worked hard.

Thank you very much to those who sent gifts and Christmas Cards. Thank you very much for your generous Christmas offering. Your generous offerings result in thanksgiving prayer. God bless you all.

**WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR**