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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES:** Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

*First Sunday of Advent: Year A.*

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: 27<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 (Weekday Cycle I / Psalter Week 1)**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: <u>Weekday Feria</u></b>	<b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b>	
<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> <b>NO MORNING CONFESSIONS</b> <b>2:00 pm: Baptism; Oliver Charles Michael Le Roux</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2016</b>	
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: <u>First Sunday of Advent; Year A</u></b>	Envelopes:	
<b>5:00 pm: Confessions</b>	Loose Plate:	
<b>5:30 pm: Mass; Betty Granville RIP</b>	Standing Orders:	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November: <u>First Sunday of Advent; Year A</u></b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	
<b>9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</b>	Chad:	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November: <u>Advent Feria</u></b>	Intercare:	
<b>9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</b>	SVP:	
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November: <u>Advent Feria</u></b>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
<b>12:30 pm: Confessions</b>		
<b>1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</b>		
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November: <u>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (Feast)</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIESCAT IN PACE</u></b>	
<b>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</b>	Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of <b>Rebecca “Betty” Cockrill</b> who died on Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016, at Beeston Lodge Nursing Home. Funeral details will follow in due course. We pray for her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December: <u>Advent Feria</u></b>		
<b>9:00 am: Mass; John Lee RIP</b>		
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: <u>Advent Feria</u></b>		
<b>12:30 pm: Confessions</b>		
<b>1:00 pm: Mass; Brian Hoey RIP</b>		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: <u>St Francis Xavier, Priest (memoria)</u> <u>First Saturday</u></b>		
<b>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</b>		
<b>10:45 am: Confessions</b>		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: <u>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</u></b>	<b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b>	
<b>5:00 pm: Confessions</b>	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, Rosetta Coronata, David Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.	
<b>5:30 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Dixon Family</b>		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December: <u>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</u></b>		
<b>9:00 am: Mass; Edward Corrigan RIP</b>		

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		J Lowe & D Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Readers:</b>	P Hubberstey	S O' Brien
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Cummins	N Wilson
<b>Offertory:</b>	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & G Sawicki	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	N Burrows & M Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> M Calladine & L Wittam
<b>Cashiers:</b>	A Simmons	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	NO FLOWERS	<b>Next Week:</b> NO FLOWERS
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Begley	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Powell
<b>Brasses:</b>	E Rodrigues	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor

**POOR CLARES:** I will be taking the Parish donations over to the sisters at Bulwell this coming Monday and again during the week before Christmas to ensure that the Sisters receive in time for the Christmas celebration. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE SALE:** The next Fair Trade Sale is next weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> **December 2016** and there will be some Christmas crafts and goods for sale as well as the usual items. This is the last Fair Trade Sale of 2016 and a final chance to help Mary's Meals this year. Information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade Notice board at the back of Church or you can visit the website: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) for further information.

**MISSIO:** The **2017 MISSIO Calendar** has arrived and is in the porch for Red Box holders to help themselves to. If you have a Red Box could you bring it in to be emptied ready for the year end totals and if you are a UK tax payer and have a Red Box would you let me know so that we can gift aid your donations. Many thanks – *Diane Wilson* (0115 917 6697).

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016:** Once again a sincere thank you to everyone who helped in any way last weekend. The final total was a magnificent **£ 1, 675. 27**. Well done everyone and thank you – **THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE**.

**NOVEMBER DEAD:** Our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls continues until **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** with our final Mass of the Novena at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** There will be a meeting for all flower arrangers in the Church Hall on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10:00 am** to discuss the Christmas flowers. Anyone is welcome to come, we will be happy to see you!!!

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Many thanks to all who continue to come along on Wednesday evenings for our continuation of the Catholicism Course by Fr Robert Barron. We will continue with the next chapter (6 of 10) on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The topic this week is entitled, "**A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and His Church.**" All are welcome and if you have missed the series so far its still not too late to come along and join in.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH:** Time for some festive fun! For our children (up to Year 6 years old), in the Church Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Tickets are £1 for children over 3. Under 3s go free. If your child/children would like to come along, please e – mail Catherine Agius on [agius89@btinternet.com](mailto:agius89@btinternet.com). Please remember to include your children's names and ages, as well as a contact number for yourself, in the message. More details to follow. If any of the older children would like to come along and help out, we would be delighted. Please let me know. Thank you. – *Catherine Agius*.

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Renewing Our Christian Citizenship**

Another Advent is upon us. Why? Why does the Church lead us along the same path every year, repeating the same seasons, even the same readings? Is it for lack of creativity and imagination? No, the Church is always young, and never runs out of creativity. In every generation, she gives the world new saints, new religious orders, new artists. The Church is ever ancient, and yet ever new. Is it out of condescension? Does the Church think we are too unintelligent to understand it the first time around? No, the Church is a wise, loving mother who knows her children well, sincerely respects them, and is always leading them forward, never backward. Is it out of malice? Does the Church want to bore us to death? No, it is certainly not out of malice. The Church may often be demanding, but when she is, it is for our benefit, not our destruction. So, what is the reason for another Advent? The word "advent" comes from the Latin "ad – venire", meaning to come to, to come towards. This season spotlights the three comings of Christ: the first, 2000 years ago; the last, sometime in the future; and the ongoing – Christ's constant coming into our lives through His grace, His providence, and His Sacraments. We live in the final age of human history, the age which will end in Christ's second coming, the destruction of the cosmos as we know it, and the creation of a new heavens and earth – the full establishment of Christ's Kingdom, as today's Readings described. We are already citizens of that Kingdom, because we are members of His Church. The Church gives us the season of Advent in order to remind us of this, and to give us a chance to check up on the quality of our citizenship.

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