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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 25th December 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMAS: 25th – 31st December 2016 (Weekday Cycle I / Psalter Week 1)

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| Saturday 24th December: <u>Advent Feria</u> | <u>PARISH FINANCES</u> |
| 10:00 am: Mass; Winifred Lally RIP 10:45 am: Confessions | 17 th / 18 th December 2016 |
| Saturday 24th December: <u>Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> <i>First Mass of Christmas</i> 5:00 pm: Christmas Carols before Mass 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP & Deceased Members of the Burn Family | Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP: Christmas Flowers: |
| Sunday 25th December: <u>Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> 11:30 am: Christmas Carols before Mass 0:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention | <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i> |
| Monday 26th December: <u>St Stephen, the First Martyr (Feast)</u> 12:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Kitty Murrin (Walton) | <u>REQUIESCAT IN PACE</u> |
| Tuesday 27th December: <u>St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Maureen Patterson | Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of <i>Julianna Motowylczyk (Spanish Julie)</i> , who died on Thursday 15th December 2016 . Her Requiem Mass will take place here at The Assumption Church on Monday 9th January 2017 at 11:00 am followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We pray for her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace. |
| Wednesday 28th December: <u>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, Rosetta Coronata, David Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley, Nick Turnbull-Ross and John Webster. |
| Thursday 29th December: <u>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr, Patron of Pastoral Clergy in England & Wales (Feast)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention | |
| Friday 30th December: <u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Feast)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (Birthday) | |
| Saturday 31st December: <u>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas</u> 10:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Calladine) | |
| Saturday 31st December: <u>Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)</u> 5:30 pm: Mass; John Green RIP (Anniversary) | |
| Sunday 1st January 2017: <u>Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish | |
| PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR TODAY'S MASS | |

Christmas lasts for Twelve Days, or does it? See the sheet explaining the traditional Christmas Carol.

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| ROTAS: | <i>5.30 pm</i> | <i>9.00 am</i> |
| Welcomers: | | J Lowe & D Wilson |
| Next Week: | | M Cookson & S Neely |
| Readers: | P Hubberstey | A Horgan |
| Next Week: | M Cummins | R Marlow |
| Offertory: | J Fox & N Brennan | D & D Wilson |
| Next Week: | K Twomey & J Lyons | M Ferrara & N Iacovitti |
| Coffee: | N/A | Next Week: N/A |
| Cashiers: | N/A | Next Week: J Brennan |
| Flowers: | ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS | Next Week: Ann & Kath |
| Cleaning: | Team Freyne | Next Week: Team Agius |
| Brasses: | E Rodrigues | Next Week: M Castor |

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their thanks for all the donations taken to them last week and they send greetings for a Happy and Holy Christmas to all our Parishioners. The next visit will be around 30th January 2017. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Sales throughout the year. Details of the 2016 sales can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. This year our Parish has raised **£ 234. 80**, for Mary's Meals, through the sale of Fair Trade goods and the Mary's Meals porridge sale in October. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped or supported the Fair Trade and WELL DONE. We continue our support for Mary's Meals with the next Fair Trade sale which will be the weekend **28th/29th January 2017**. Information about Mary's Meals can also be found at the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk. – *Diane Wilson*.

MISSIO: I have just submitted the annual returns for our Parish to MISSIO and I am delighted to announce that our Parish has donated **£1, 178. 70** in 2016 through the RED BOXES. Well done everyone and thank you. – *Diane Wilson*.

“SNOWMAN” BEETLE DRIVE: No skill or experience needed!! **7:00 pm on Saturday 7th January 2017** in the Hall. **Please bring along food items to share** and any drinks that you might like. We will not be charging for this event but there will be a raffle. Beetle is a fun and entertaining game for all ages that needs no particular skill and is very social as you change partners with each new game. Please come along, it would be lovely to see you! – *The Social Committee*

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 (9 of 10) in the new year on **Wednesday 11th January 2017** at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The topic for that week is entitled, **“The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.”** All are welcome and if you have missed the series so far it's still not too late to come along and join in.

CHRISTMAS: Bah Humbug!

Nothing on earth can give us the interior peace and joy that Christ can give us. We all know the beautiful, haunting story of Scrooge. He was the richest man in the city. He had enough money to buy anything that the world had to offer. But was he happy? Was he at peace? Not at all. He lived in fear of losing his money. He had put his trust in money, so he hoarded it. He was a miser, and as a result, he was miserable. He couldn't enjoy what he possessed, because he was afraid of losing it. He wouldn't spend it, because he was afraid he couldn't get it back. All material, this-worldly treasures are like that. Whether its money, position, beauty, reputation – all these treasures can be lost. They can be emptied out. They can be stolen or broken. They are inherently unstable, and so when we cling to them, when we put our trust in them, we become like Scrooge – tense and angry and over-sensitive. Underneath the surface of prosperity, we become miserable. But Christ is a spiritual treasure, and His Kingdom is a spiritual, everlasting Kingdom. Christ became a man so that He could become our friend, a living person in our lives, a living, spiritual presence that will never let us down. When we cling to Him, counting on Him, following Him – when we let Him be the King of our lives, then this world's worries and troubles cannot take away our interior peace. Scrooge found interior peace and joy when he followed Christ's example, giving his wealth away to help those in need, just as Christ gave Himself away to us on Christmas day, to be our Saviour.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF OUR PARISH DURING 2016

15 BAPTISMS: *Arthur Blackwell, Gabriel Lubbock, Edward Kingsley, Dylan Kendall, Gregory Hodgkinson, Oliver Davies, Bethany Masters, Clara Campbell, Ruben Campbell, Jenson Alves – Swift, Joshua Bethel, Kathryn Graham, Edis Peckys, Joshua Ulman – Carr and Oliver Le Roux.*

10 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: *Orla Hampson, Alan Joshy, Eleanor Newman, James Niland, Saoirse O Sullivan, Chioma Okpala, Dominika Okwuolisa, Amelia Sutton, Lola Teece and Archie Walton.*

3 MARRIAGES: *Christopher Keyworth & Laura Grant; Jonathon Coudridge & Kedra Korte and; Kevin Caine & Sarah Pawson.*

23 DEATHS: *William Monaghan, Joseph Harrison, David Powell, Georgina Murphy, Hugh Farren, Patrick O'Sullivan, Maxine Pettengell, Pearline Broderick, Rose Hagan, Edmund Varney, Ronald King, Jill Lowe, Mary Briody, Elsie Doherty, Therese Skarbiniec, Thomas Moore, Michael Retallick, Francis Slattery, Betty Granville, James Dowling, Betty Cockerill, John Myatt and Julianna Motowylczyk.*

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