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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 10th December 2017**

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Second Week of Advent: **10th – 16th December 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week 2)**

Saturday 9th December: <u>Advent Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions	
Saturday 9th December: <u>Second Sunday of Advent Year B</u>	<i>2nd / 3rd December 2017</i>
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:
Sunday 10th December: <u>Second Sunday of Advent Year B</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
9:00 am: Mass; Austin Keaney RIP (Morrissey)	Chad: Intercare: SVP:
Monday 11th December: <u>Advent Feria</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
9:00 am: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Rosary Group)	SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.
Tuesday 12th December: <u>Advent Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Stephen Hodkinson, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, John Webster, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	
Wednesday 13th December: <u>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</u>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 14th December: <u>St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Brian Stratford RIP 6:00 pm Reception; Gloria Condon RIP	
Friday 15th December: <u>Advent Feria</u>	
12:30 pm: Requiem Mass; Gloria Condon RIP	
Saturday 16th December: <u>Advent Feria</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Trevor Jones RIP 10:45 am: Confessions	
Saturday 16th December: <u>Third Sunday of Advent Year B</u>	
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
Sunday 17th December: <u>Third Sunday of Advent Year B</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Eddie Reilly RIP (Anniversary)	

FLOWER ARRANGERS: There will be a meeting after lunchtime Mass on **Tuesday 12th December 2017** to discuss the Christmas Flowers. Sorry for short notice but if anyone is unable to attend the meeting or is not around at Christmas to help please let one of the other flower arrangers know or ring Margaret on 07885 217795 or 0115 9229411. Thank You. – **Margaret Cookson**

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com
by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Readers:	M Sully	R Marlow
Next Week:	A Simmons	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M Sharp & S Spowage	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	M Walton & Volunteer	Next Week: M Calladine & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS	Next Week: NO FLOWERS
Cleaning:	Team Begley	Next Week: Team Powell
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please continue to remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Gloria Condon* who died on *26th November 2017*. Gloria will be received into Church this *Thursday 14th December 2017* at *6:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Friday 15th December 2017* at *12:30 pm* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were delighted with all the donations they received this week from our Parish. They want you all to know that we are in their prayers every day. The next visit will be *Monday 22nd December 2017* – a little earlier than usual but this is to ensure that the Sisters have our donations before Christmas. They are shortly to be joined by 13 sisters from another house which will greatly increase their number and so our donations will be even more important to them. The Sisters are extremely grateful for all the donations they receive and as well as food, welcome donations of washing powder, toilet rolls and cleaner – the same cleaning products that you would use in your own home and, unperfumed toiletries; soap, shower gels, shampoo, etc. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. This was the final sale of 2017 and this year's totals of sales and proceeds sent to Mary's Meals are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church. Information about Mary's Meals can also be found there. In 2017 £ 178. 64 has been raised for Mary's Meals in our Parish and this amount is to be matched by the government. WELL DONE EVERYONE.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: This year has been another busy one. We had a lovely afternoon tea after the Service for the Sick and a very interesting outing to the National Arboretum and War Memorial. The Parish was most generous when we appealed for toiletries for the Women's Refuge and we have also been able to help the Canaan Trust (for the homeless). SVP members continue to visit people in their own homes, nursing homes and hospitals and Stella and her helpers produce a wonderful lunch each month. We are now in the process of organising the Christmas gifts. We thank you for all your support over the last year and wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will continue **NEXT Wednesday 20th December 2017** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for that week is: "*Jesus Christ the Only Son of God,*" and "*Mary: Mother of God and Mother of the Church.*" Due to the traffic chaos last Wednesday we were not able to look at these topics. *It is still not too late to come along and learn more about our faith.* All welcome.

<i>Times of Masses and Services for Christmas</i>	
Saturday 23rd December:	Advent FERIA
Morning Mass:	10:00 am
Saturday 23rd December:	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B
Vigil Mass for Sunday:	5:30 pm
Sunday 24th December:	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B
Sunday Mass:	9:00 am
Sunday 24th December:	The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
Carols before Mass:	4:00 pm
Vigil Mass for Christmas:	4:30 pm
Monday 25th December:	The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
Carols before Mass:	11:30 pm
Midnight Mass for Christmas:	Midnight
Christmas Morning Mass:	9:30 am
Tuesday 26th December:	St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)
Morning Mass:	10:00 am

PARISH ADMIN ASSISTANT: The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint an experienced and skilled individual to the role of Parish Admin Assistant in the Catholic Parish of **Corpus Christi, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, the Meadows**. Based at Corpus Christi, this post is for 10 hours a week, to be worked flexibly. This would suit someone with experience in administration. For more details and an application form, please contact Fr Joe Wheat; 0115 9118266 or email: sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com. Closing date: 5th January 2018.

THE HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART: The Sisters send their thanks to everyone who has sent donations of postage stamps. All of your donations are helping the Sisters in doing their missionary work abroad. They send you their Christmas Blessings of Peace and Joy for the coming year. – *Carol Hallam*.