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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 7th January 2018**

The Epiphany of The Lord: Year B

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 7th – 13th January 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week 1)

<p><u>Saturday 6th January: Saturday before the Epiphany</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
<p><u>Saturday 6th January: The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (King)</p>	30 th / 31 st December 2017
<p><u>Sunday 7th January: The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 8th January: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Trudie Mc Guirk RIP (Bernard)</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday 9th January: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
<p><u>Wednesday 10th January: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<i>Second Collection Next Weekend for The Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.</i>
<p><u>Thursday 11th January: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Atsuko Bold (Wilson)</p>	
<p><u>Friday 12th January: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
<p><u>Saturday 13th January: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions 11:30 am: Baptism: Hugh Joseph O' Donnell</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><u>Saturday 13th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Friends and Family (Stephens)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 14th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Rosemary Corry RIP (Morrissey)</p>	

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	S Yarwood
Next Week:	A Simmons	C Hallam
Offertory:	J Fox & N Brennan	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Next weekend we welcome into our Parish Community *Hugh Joseph O' Donnell* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday 13th January 2018**. We pray for him and his parents, *Ryan* and *Emily*, on this happy occasion.

POOR CLARES: – The Sisters were overwhelmed with your generosity at Christmas and ask me to pass on to you all their sincere thanks and want to wish you all every good wish for the New Year. The Sisters remember our Parish every day in their prayers. My next visit will be Monday 29th January 2018. – *Diane Wilson*.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: In January 2018, we will be starting Alpha on a Saturday morning. Alpha is a great tool that helps us in a few ways: 1) If you have friends or family who have questions about the faith it gives a simple introduction that can help them explore it with you; 2) If you feel you've hit a bit of a wall in your faith and you want to get back to where you used to be in your relationship with God and; 3) If you want to grow in confidence so that you can share your faith with others it prepares you for that to. We could still do with a few more helpers especially as part of the time is a shared meal. We will start on **Tuesday 16th January 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00pm** for dinner, a film and discussion in the Parish Hall. Each week will focus on a different theme or aspect of our faith. For more information please email alpha.assumption@gmail.com

NB: *Final Meeting for those wishing to be involved in helping run Alpha on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.*

SVP MEETING: A reminder that this month's SVP Meeting will begin in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7:00 pm for a short Liturgical Service.

SNOWMAN BEETLE DRIVE: NEXT Saturday 13th January 2017 at 7:00 pm. Combat those "January Blues" by joining your Parish Family at a Snowman Beetle Drive – Fun for all the Family – Tickets available soon. This is a shared table event so please bring along your own food and drinks.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will resume on **Wednesday 24th January 2017** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for that week is: "*The Reign of God,*" and "*The Passion of Christ.*" All welcome. *It is still not too late to come along and learn more about our faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: God is King – He Comes to Rule.

God is a King. The Saviour He sends us, Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, comes not to philosophise, but to rule. Herod trembled because he knew this. The Wise Men rejoiced because they knew this. Even before Jesus can talk, He teaches us a precious truth about ourselves. In our hearts, there dwell two potential responses to the coming of such a King: Herod's or the Magi's. Herod had spent his life murdering, extorting and building a personal kingdom ruled by his whims for his personal glory. Christ enters the scene – a King with authority from on high. Herod immediately feels the threat. If Christ is not destroyed or discredited, it could spell the end of all his labours. The Magi, on the other hand, do not fear the demands that this new King will make on their personal lives. Instead, they rejoice to know that God's Saviour is finally coming. Instead of hoarding and protecting their treasures, the fruits of their life's labours, they generously offer them to Christ as gestures of honour, respect and allegiance. Whenever Christ enters our lives, which He does every day through the voice of conscience, the teachings of His Church and the designs of Divine Providence, we must choose in whose steps we will follow, Herod's or the Magi's. Will we tremble, afraid of what Jesus may demand of us? Or will we rejoice, glad to have such a glorious Lord to follow? We have both possibilities in our hearts – we are potential Herods and we also are potential Magi. St Augustine said, "*What we see, then, is that two societies have issued from two kinds of love. Worldly society has flowered from a selfish love which dared to despise even God, whereas the communion of saints is rooted in a love of God that is ready to trample on self. In a word, this latter relies on the Lord, whereas the other boasts that it can get along by itself. The city of man seeks the praise of men, whereas the height of glory for the other is to hear God in the witness of conscience.*" (City of God).