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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 14th January 2018**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 14th – 20th January 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week 2)

Saturday 13th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
10:45 am: Confessions	
11:30 am: Baptism: Hugh Joseph O' Donnell	<i>6th / 7th January 2018</i>
Saturday 13th January: <u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP: Crib Offerings:
5:00 pm: Confessions	
5:30 pm: Mass; Friends and Family (Stephens)	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
Sunday 14th January: <u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Rosemary Corry RIP (Morrissey)	Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.
Monday 15th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Winnie)	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
Tuesday 16th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
12:30 pm: Confessions	Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.
1:00 pm: Mass; Ian Degville RIP (Begley)	
Wednesday 17th January: <u>St Anthony, Abbot (memoria)</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 18th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
Friday 19th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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; Audrey Mc Coy RIP	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
Saturday 20th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
10:45 am: Confessions	
Saturday 20th January: <u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
5:00 pm: Confessions	
5:30 pm: Mass; Lane Family (Findlay)	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
Sunday 21st January: <u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention	

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:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	A Simmons	C Hallam
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	A Horgan
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Kay & Eve	Next Week: Shirley & Margaret
Cleaning:	Team Agius	Next Week: Team Begley
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

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*.

FAIR TRADE: The first sale of 2018 will be on the weekend of 27th/28th January. Once again, any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods in our parish will go to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. More information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the church.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE: Tuesday 23rd January 2017 at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room in the Parish Hall. A short meeting to discuss dates and fund – raising events in the Parish for 2018. We would love to welcome some new faces and fresh ideas.

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 **THIS 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

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will resume **NEXT 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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B: “Speak, Lord, Your Servant is Listening.”

Today's Readings teach us that the Lord not only calls us to help Him in His mission but also appeals to something greater. In today's First Reading Samuel, with Eli's help, gradually realises that the Lord is calling him to be His prophet. Samuel's mother was so grateful for having him, after entreating the Lord to bless her with a child, that she entrusts him to the Lord in the Temple. Samuel is precious in the Lord's eyes too and the Lord starts calling him, but Samuel is too young and inexperienced to understand what is going on. He turns to the priest Eli and, at first, Eli doesn't understand what is going on either. We can imagine him sleepily sending Samuel away the first time, then perplexed when the boy returns a second time. His advice to Samuel on the second occasion is good advice for any situation: listen to the Lord and tell him his (or her) servant is listening. Today's reading concludes by saying that, no word of Samuel's was “without effect” for the rest of his life. That was because Samuel became the Lord's prophet. The Word of God has an effect, whether we accept it or not. Take the “Samuel” challenge this week: not just once, but three times, take a few minutes of silent prayer this week and say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening,” then listen. Listening here does not just consist of processing information, but of being ready to do what God tells you, even if it is hard. God may give you an entirely new mission in life, He may only tell you to get your act together, but God will tell you something. If you think God is trying to tell you something, but don't quite get it, seek someone who can give you good spiritual advice. We have got so many devices these days to amuse ourselves when we have a free minute: tablets, mobile phones, computers and televisions. Sometimes one minute turns into two, ten or even thirty minutes. We get sucked in. Once a day this week (at least) how about reading a little Scripture or some good spiritual reading? Don't shy away from reading the same thing more than once (the same passage, the same chapter) and try to see anything new that it has to say from one reading to another. In the case of Scripture, you'll see it has a lot to say no matter how often you read it.