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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent: Year C

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: 2nd – 8th December 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week I)

<p>Saturday 1st December: <u>St Andrew, Apostle & Patron of Scotland (Feast)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING MASS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING CONFESSIONS</p>	<p>PARISH FINANCES</p>
<p>Saturday 1st December: <i>First Sunday of Advent: Year C</i></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Anne Rochford RIP (Twomey)</p>	<p>24th / 25th November</p> <p>2018</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd December: <i>First Sunday of Advent: Year C</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of David Jeacock (Bethel)</p> <p>4:00 pm: Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction</p> <p>8:30 pm: Men's Group Adoration and Ales in the Adoration Chapel</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL:</p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p>
<p>Monday 3rd December: <u>St Francis Xavier, Priest (memoria)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Meg Bailey RIP (O' Connor)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 4th December: <u>Advent Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Carol Weston (Neely)</p>	<p><i>During the Sundays of Advent we will pray the Evening Prayer of the Church from the Divine Office concluding with Benediction. Leaflets will be provided. All welcome.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 5th December: <u>Advent Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p> <p>6:00 pm: Reception: Michael Cummins RIP</p>	
<p>Thursday 6th December: <u>St Nicholas, Bishop (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:30 am: Requiem Mass; Michael Cummins RIP</p>	
<p>Friday 7th December: <u>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>	
<p>Saturday 8th December: <u>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass Stephanie Bath</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p>Saturday 8th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent: Year C</i></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 9th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent: Year C</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Calladine)</p> <p>4:00 pm: Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction</p>	<p>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney, Emilia Nowicki, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning, Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.</p>

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ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	T Johnston	S O' Brien
Next Week:	A Simmons	N Wilson
Offertory:	J Brennan & J Fox	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	L Whitham & M Calladine	Next Week: R Marlow & C Kitching
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Michael Cummins*, who died on *Sunday 25th November 2018*. Michael will be received into Church on *Thursday 5th December 2018* at *6:00 pm* and his Requiem Mass will take place on *Thursday 6th November 2018* at *10:30 am* followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. We remember him and his family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for all the support they receive from our Parish. The Sisters from Wales have finally joined the community at Bulwell and Mother Mercy, Sister Clare and one of the Sisters from Wales have left the Bulwell convent and have travelled to Kenya to set up a new House. The next visit will be either *23rd or 24th December 2018*, a little earlier than usual but this is so the Sisters will have our gifts and donations in time for Christmas – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale – details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church. We are continuing to support Mary's Meals with any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods. The next Fair Trade sale will be NEXT weekend *8th / 9th December 2018*, after both Masses.

MISSIO / MILL HILL RED BOXES: If you have got a Red Box please will you bring it in for emptying. The end of December is the end of the MISSIO financial year and all donations for 2018 need to be banked before Christmas. Boxes can either be left in the Sacristy or given to me. There are still some MISSIO 2019 calendars left in the porch please feel free to take one. Many thanks *Diane Wilson* – Parish MISSIO secretary.

ATTENTION CHILDREN! We'll be holding a Children's Christmas Party in the Church Hall on *Sunday 16th December 2018* from *3:00 pm to 4:30 pm*. There will be a festive fuddle, dancing and party games. A sign – up sheet will be at the back of church, so please pop your child's name and age down and the food item they will bring along to share. Children are also invited to each bring along a small chocolate bar to donate to the Canaan Trust's Christmas food packs for the homeless. Please note, children will require adult supervision. Any questions please contact Clare Newman after Mass or email at clarenewman@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: If any musicians, young or old, are interested in playing the Christmas Carols at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Mass. Then could they contact me on 0115 922 6245 or e – mail mickwalley@icloud.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in January 2019. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please speak to me as soon as possible about enrolling in the preparation Classes.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Advent Means Getting Ready (Not Just Waiting Around).

Advent, which starts today, is sometimes understood as a waiting period – waiting for Christmas to arrive (that is what the prophecy in today's First Reading calls to mind). From that point of view, this waiting period between Advent and Christmas is also supposed to make us think deeply about another waiting period. The one between now and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, who will bring history to its fulfilment, judge the living and the dead and put a definitive end to evil. This second waiting period is what our Lord refers to in today's Gospel passage. But is Advent really just a waiting period? Is human history just a waiting period, an undisclosed number of centuries in which we wait for the Second Coming to happen? No. They are more than waiting periods; they are getting – ready periods. Advent is a Liturgical Season, a period of time in which the Church surrounds us with reminders of the greatest event in the whole history of the universe: the Incarnation of the Son of God, who came to earth to be our Saviour. The Church gives us these reminders to help us get our souls ready to receive the special graces God wants to give us as we celebrate that event this year, in the here and now of our lives. And those same reminders are also meant to spark a personal examination of conscience. And if in that examination we notice any sinful or self – centred tendencies, habits or activities, Advent is the time to get rid of them. That is how we get ready for our Lord's Second Coming, which will occur either at our personal death or at the end of history, whichever happens first. These four weeks aren't about waiting; they are about getting ready.

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