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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 9th December 2018**

Second Sunday of Advent: Year C

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: 9th – 15th December 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week II)

<u>Saturday 8th December:</u> <i>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Solemnity)</i>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Stephanie Bath 10:45 am: Confessions	
<u>Saturday 8th December:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent: Year C</i>	<i>1st / 2nd December 2018</i>
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<u>Sunday 9th December:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent: Year C</i>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p> <p><i>Evening Prayer of the Church from the Divine Office concluding with Benediction, During the Sundays of Advent. Leaflets will be provided. All welcome.</i></p> <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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>
9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Calladine) 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction	
<u>Monday 10th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Bernadette Retallick RIP (Powell)	
<u>Tuesday 11th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	
<u>Wednesday 12th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	
9:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<u>Thursday 13th December:</u> <i>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
<u>Friday 14th December:</u> <i>St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Tom & Bridget Hand RIP (Anniversary)	
<u>Saturday 15th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	
10:00 am: Mass Trevor Jones RIP 10:45 am: Confessions	
<u>Saturday 15th December:</u> <i>Third Sunday of Advent: Year C</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ivy Sheridan RIP (Taylor)	
<u>Sunday 16th December:</u> <i>Third Sunday of Advent: Year C</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Anne James (Whitham) 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE POOR & NEEDY PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE.

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2019 NOW AVAILABLE £ 3. 50 EACH

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Readers:	A Simmons	N Wilson
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	S Yarwood
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	M & A Simmons	M Castor & Volunteer
Coffee:	R Marlow & C Kitching	Next Week: V Loffreda & J Backhouse
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

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 **THIS** 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 ***NEXT 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

FROM THE HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART: May the joy and Blessings of Christmas stay with you all through the year. Many thanks to all those who have donated Postage Stamps. – *Carol Hallam*

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas Tree will soon be put up in Church in its usual place near the Lady Chapel. It has been suggested that this year, in the spirit of the Christmas Tradition, that we try to put some presents under the tree, remembering in particular those for whom Christmas is not going to be such a joyful time. It is hoped therefore that these presents would be particularly useful to the needy and homeless and we can pass them on to the charities responsible. If we could make an appeal then, for things such as hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, hygienic wipes, combs and deodorant. These items can then be distributed to our local charities: The Canaan Trust and Emmanuel House.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Christian Hope Can Never Die.

Throughout Pope Benedict XVI's years as Pope, one of his favourite topics was hope – true, authentic, Christian hope. He devoted an entire Encyclical to this theme and it kept coming up in his speeches, homilies and messages. He perceived that in today's world true hope is in short supply. He recognized that the human race had made such fantastic scientific and technological advances that we think we should be able to create heaven on earth. But technology cannot change the human heart: sin, greed, lust, hatred, and violence – the things which separate earth and heaven – all have their roots precisely there, deep in the human heart. To put our hopes for happiness in science and technology, then, as if we could save ourselves, is foolish. Such misplaced hope only leads to depression, stress and deep – seated frustration. The Pope has consistently pointed out a different source of hope, a reality far more dependable and powerful than science and technology. It is a spiritual fountain that never stops flowing; the more we allow our souls to drink from it, the more they are filled with true and lasting energy, enthusiasm, wisdom and joy. What is the name of this fountain? Jesus Christ, the God who became man in order to lead all people home to God. Jesus is the source of our hope because His Incarnation is the undeniable guarantee that God, the only one capable of saving us from our sins, actually does want to save us from our sins. He hasn't given up on us. This is the source of real hope, Christian hope. Today's First Reading puts it beautifully when it describes God's people as "jubilant that God has remembered them." During Advent the Church invites us to remember that we are remembered and, to rejoice in the hope which that memory inspires. "In the Advent Liturgy there resounds a message full of hope, which invites us to lift up our gaze to the ultimate horizon, but at the same time to recognize the signs of God-with-us in the present. On this second Sunday of Advent this is what the Lord wants to do in Advent: to speak to the heart of His people and, through them, to the whole of humanity, to proclaim salvation." – Pope Benedict XVI.

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.