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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 23rd December 2018**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: 23rd – 29th December 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week IV)

<p><u>Saturday 22nd December: Advent Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></p> <p>15th / 16th December 2018</p>
<p><u>Saturday 22nd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Welfare of Susan (Williams)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 23rd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Kenny RIP (Nina) 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 24th December: Advent Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Winifred Lally RIP</p>	<p>Poor & Needy Parishes:</p>
<p><u>Monday 24th December: The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>4:00 pm: Carols before Mass 4:30 pm: Vigil Mass: Intentions of Bob & Anne Solloway (SVP) 11:30 pm: Carols before Midnight Mass</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday 25th December: The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>0:00 am: Midnight Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish 9:30 am: Mass; Eddie Reilly RIP (Anniversary)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 26th December: St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Bernadette Retallick RIP (Rosary Group)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>There will be a Second Collection at the Christmas Masses for our local charities to help the Homeless and less fortunate at Christmas.</i></p>
<p><u>Thursday 27th December: St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 Keane, Emilia Nowicki, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning, Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><u>Friday 28th December: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 29th December: St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr, (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass Intentions of Isobel Barnes</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 29th December: The Holy Family (Feast)</u></p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; John Green RIP (Anniversary) (Sully)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 30th December: The Holy Family (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (70th Birthday) (Jane)</p>	

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		D Wilson & M Roy
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	M Sully	C Hallam
Next Week:	T Johnson	A Horgan
Offertory:	J Brennan & J Fox	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	M Calladine & J Powell	Next Week: M Castor & M Neale
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Begley	Next Week: Team Powell
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: L Newbold

POOR CLARES: I will be taking the Christmas donations from our Parish to the Sisters this *Sunday, 23rd December 2018*. This is a little earlier than usual, but it means that they will be able to enjoy our gifts over the Christmas Season. The Sisters appreciate our support and want you all to know that our Parish is remembered every day in their prayers. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Sale last weekend – 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 and this year **£ 186.00** has been sent to Mary's Meals to help feed Third World Schoolchildren. The next Fair Trade sale will be the weekend of *2nd / 3rd February 2019*.

MISSIO / MILL HILL RED BOXES: Many thanks to everyone who has brought their Red Box in to be emptied. This year I have banked **£ 736.70** from Red Boxes for MISSIO. If your box needs to be emptied then do bring it in but the money will be included in the 2019 totals and if you would like to have a Red Box I can let you have one. There are still a few 2019 calendars left in the porch – please help yourself. Once again thank you for your continued support – *Diane Wilson* – Parish MISSIO secretary.

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 has now been put up in Church in its usual place near the Lady Chapel. This year, in the spirit of the Christmas Tradition, we will put some presents under the tree, remembering in particular those for whom Christmas is not going to be such a joyful time. These presents will be particularly useful to the needy and homeless and we will 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.



THANK YOU: To all who have helped to prepare the Church for the Christmas celebrations and to all those who have contributed to and supported the Parish during 2018. Special thanks to the Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers, Children's Liturgy Group, Musicians and Choir, Catechists, Welcomers, Collection Counters and all those whose hard work and endeavours often goes unnoticed. Many thanks to you all.

I would also like to express my thanks for all your cards and gifts and, messages of support; not only at this time but throughout the year; it has been very much appreciated.

I am also very grateful to all who helped to prepare and celebrate our Benemerenti Celebrations in August for Des Burrows and Bob and Anne Solloway.

Once again it has been a most enjoyable and memorable year.

In January, as you know, I will be taking responsibility for the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, in Long Eaton. Fr Martin will be leaving the Parish on the 21st January 2019 and so my first weekend will be the 26th/27th January 2019. In order to accommodate the pastoral needs of both Parishes there will be some changes to the times of the Masses. Initially the weekend Masses will be **4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Beeston)** and **6:30 pm Vigil Mass (Long Eaton)** and **9:00 am Sunday Mass (Beeston)** and **11:00 Sunday Mass (Long Eaton)**. Further changes may be necessary for weekday Masses and any changes will appear in the weekly Newsletter. I would ask for your patience, co – operation and understanding as we move forwards in these changing and challenging times in our Diocese.

I wish you all Best Wishes and Prayers for Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for a prosperous New Year. – Fr Christopher Thomas

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