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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT : 1st – 7th December 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<p>Saturday 30th November: <i>First Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p>
<p>4:30pm: Mass; Nancy Burrows RIP (Melia)</p>	
<p>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<p>23rd / 24th November 2019</p>
<p>Sunday 1st December: <i>First Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (SVP)</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Sean Doherty RIP</p>	
<p>4:00 pm: Evening Prayer; to Inaugurate the Year of the Word</p>	
<p>8:30 pm; Beeston Men: Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) & Ales</p>	
<p>Monday 2nd December: <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention (Diane Wilson)</p>	
<p>9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Canon Colin Taylor, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd December: <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest (memoria)</i></p>	
<p>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p>	
<p>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Wednesday 4th December: <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	
<p>9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p>7:00 pm; Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</p>	
<p>Thursday 5th December: <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Sick of the Parish</p>	
<p>2:00 pm: (St Francis); Funeral Service: Ann Roe RIP</p>	
<p>Friday 6th December: <i>St Nicholas, Bishop (memoria)</i></p>	
<p>12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS</p>	
<p>1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>	
<p>Saturday 7th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	
<p>4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS</p>	
<p>4:30 pm: Mass; Peter Diamond RIP</p>	
<p>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Carol Stevenson RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 8th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Anniversary) (Marie)</p>	
<p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); James Barnes RIP</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:	4:30 pm	9:00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	A Simmons	S Yarwood
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	C Hallam
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Castor & K Garton
Next Week:	A Simmons & Volunteer	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	Hopkins & Twentymans	Next Week: R Marlow & V Loffreda
Cashiers:	-	Next Week: J Walton
	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT
Church Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Hall Cleaning:	Diane, Marie & Gerardine	Next Week: Julia, Katy & Stella
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: -

POOR CLARES: Mother Damian sends her sincere thanks for the donations we have sent from our Parish. Now that there are 17 sisters at the Bulwell Monastery our continued support is even more important. The Christmas visit to the Sisters will be on **Monday 23rd December 2019** which is a little earlier than usual but this means that our gifts and donations will help the Sisters to celebrate Christmas. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND. This weekend's Sale sees the last sale of 2019 when we have again been donating all the profits made from the sales to Mary's Meals. Details of this year's donations will be in the newsletter next week.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: A big thank you to everyone involved, in any way, in last week's Christmas Bazaar. A final, record total, of **£ 2, 145. 00** was raised for the Parish. – *The Bazaar Committee*.

MISSIO: If you have a Red Box that needs to be emptied would you bring it in as soon as possible as the money needs to be banked before Christmas for this year's totals. There are still some 2020 MISSIO calendars in the porch please help yourself to one if you would like one. Many thanks – *Diane Wilson* Parish MISSIO Secretary 0115 917 6697.

CHRISTMAS CEILDH; SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM: Tickets will start to be sold after Mass this Sunday (24th November) for the Christmas Ceildh. They are £ 7.00 for adults and £ 4.00 for children. We will have a shared table and you can bring your own drinks along. The night will consist of two sets of dancing with time to eat in between. The hall can take 60 people, so buy your tickets early to make sure you can come! It promises to be a great evening and a good chance to get together. Hope to see you there. Thanks – *Catherine Agius*.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course continues **THIS Wednesday, 4th December 2019** after Mass at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The subject for that week: "*The Incarnation.*" If anyone would like more information or would like to become involved or take part in this Programme please speak to me as soon as possible. All welcome.

ADVENT ADORATION – MEETING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST: Our project to ensure that we have adoration in the Chapel from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm every evening during Advent starts today. Please sign up for an hour – or more! – on our rota at: <http://bit.ly/aaadore>, to make sure someone is in the Chapel, with Christ in the Eucharist, every evening during Advent from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Of course, you can come along without signing up – the Chapel is always available – but if you do sign up we'll know that someone will definitely be there. There's just a small group of us who will try to cover any gaps, so it is important for us to know what is covered! This being the First Sunday, the **Beeston Men's group** will be covering the hour from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm for their monthly 'Adoration and Ales' – an hour of Adoration followed by a chat over a pint or two at a local pub. Men from both parishes welcome!

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS "THE YEAR OF THE WORD 2020:" 2020 is the 10th Anniversary of *Verbum Domini*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on The Word of the Lord and it is also the 1,600th Anniversary of St Jerome's death who said that, "*Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.*" To help inaugurate the beginning of the 'Year' on 1st December 2019 we are invited to come together and participate in the Evening Office of the Prayer of the Church. There is a special Evening Prayer based on the theme of The God who Speaks which we will celebrate at **The Assumption THIS Sunday, 1st December 2019 at 4:00 pm.** The vision of the year is based around three key themes: (1) Celebrating God's Word; *enriching our worshipping and spiritual community.* To listen to God speaking to us through the Bible and to discover and renew a genuine love for the Word of God; (2) Living God's Word; *enriching our social action and outreach.* By listening to God's Word through the Scriptures, we are inspired to put our faith into action and; (3) Sharing God's Word; *enriching our formation, proclamation and evangelisation.* There are many platforms to share our faith, are we doing enough?

SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A: The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e – book may be downloaded **free of charge** to any computer / tablet / phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year A (Sundays Year A, Weekdays Year II), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e – book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the **Imprimatur** of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta. **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A** may be accessed at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook.