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

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT : 8th - 14th December 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

<p>Saturday 7th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PARISH</u> <u>FINANCES</u></p>
<p>4:30pm: Mass; Peter Diamond RIP 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Carol Stevenson RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 8th December: <i>Second Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30th November / 1st December 2019</p>
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Anniversary) (Marie) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); James Barnes RIP 4:00 pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction</p>	
<p>Monday 9th December: <i>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Solemnity)</i></p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Rev Fr F Hays RIP (Foundation Mass) 9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion 5:30 pm; (St Francis); Reception: Sean Doherty RIP</p>	
<p>Tuesday 10th December: <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	
<p>11:00 am: Requiem Mass (St Francis); Sean Doherty RIP 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Wednesday 11th December: <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Collection NEXT WEEKEND <i>for the Poor and Needy Parishes</i></p>
<p>9:30 am; Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Thursday 12th December: <i>Advent Feria</i></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>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Special Intention</p>	
<p>Friday 13th December: <i>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr(memoria)</i></p>	
<p>12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS</p>	
<p>1:00 pm: Mass; Trevor Jones RIP</p>	
<p>Saturday 14th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	
<p>4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS</p>	
<p>4:30 pm: Mass; Des Burrows & Family (Gildea Family)</p>	
<p>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Ann Roe RIP (Langdon)</p>	
<p>Sunday 15th December: <i>Third Sunday of Advent; Year A</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Jean & Len Hedge RIP (Castor)</p>	
<p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Waclaw & Stanislaw Roslaniec RIP</p>	
<p>4:00 pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction</p>	

ROTAS:	4:30 pm	9:00 am	
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold	
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale	
Readers:	P Hubberstey	C Hallam	
Next Week:	M Sully	A Horgan	
Offertory:	A Simmons & Volunteer	J Powell & M Calladine	
Next Week:	J Brennan & J Fox	D & D Wilson	
Coffee:	R Marlow & V Loffreda	Next Week:	L Whitham & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week:	A Simmons
	THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Next Week:	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT
Church Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week:	Team Shalloe
Hall Cleaning:	Julia, Katy & Stella	Next Week:	Maggie, Maria & Adrienne
Brasses:	-	Next Week:	M Castor

MASS TIME CHANGES: from the *first Saturday in the new year (4th January 2020)* the number of weekend Masses will be reduced from four to three. This means that there will be only one Vigil Mass on Saturdays from that date onwards. The Saturday Vigil Mass will be at the Assumption Beeston, with the time yet to be decided. I would welcome any comments regarding a preferred time for this one Vigil Mass. Sunday Masses will not change and will remain at the same times.

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: Last weekend was the final Fair Trade sale of 2019 and this year the Parish has raised **£ 224. 27** for Mary's Meals through the sale of Fair Trade goods. Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year. We start 2020 sales *25th / 26th January 2020* and again we will be donating any profit to Mary's Meals.

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 CEILIDH; SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7:30PM: Tickets will start to be sold after Mass this Sunday for the Christmas Ceilidh. 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 will continue after Christmas.

ADVENT ADORATION – MEETING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST: Thanks to those who have been in the Adoration Chapel over the last week. If you haven't yet taken part, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/aaadore>. If you are not sure what to do in an hour of adoration, simply ask! Sign up for an hour – or more! – on our rota, 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!

FLOWER MEETING: There will be a meeting for all the Flower Ladies *after 1:00 pm Mass on Friday 13th December 2019* to discuss the Christmas arrangements. If anyone cannot come could you please let me know whether or not you will be available to help on Christmas Eve to set up the flowers. Many thanks, Margaret Cookson: 0115 9229411. (*Second Collection for Christmas Flowers 21st / 22nd December 2019*)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in *January 2020*. 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. As we did last year and, in the spirit of the Christmas Tradition, we will try to put some presents under the tree, remembering those in particular 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 Canaan Trust. 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 do not need to gift wrapped as they can then be more easily sorted and distributed.

THE HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART: Send their Thanks and Best Wishes May for a Joyful and Happy Christmas and many Blessings and Peace for the New Year. With love and prayers for all the Postage Stamps that have been donated during this year. – *Carol Hallam*

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.