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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B 21st December 2014

Dear Parishioners,

'Mary, you have won God's favour. God is forever faithful to His promises. From the time of David right up to the birth of Jesus there is no doubting that God is with His people. That which is hidden for endless ages is revealed in Jesus Christ who is the son of the Virgin Mary.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

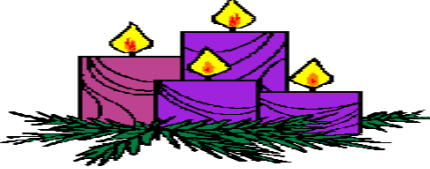
We look forward to celebrating with you the Feast of our Saviour's birth and thank each and everyone for your prayerful support and participation in our Christmas Masses. We are delighted to tell you of the results from the Christmas Fayre. We have reached £5,000- a wonderful result! This is thanks to all who have contributed in any way, through donations, gifts, selling the Raffle Tickets, helping with running the Stalls and your prayers too. It will make a huge difference to those who have so little and whose loved ones have been affected by the Ebola Virus.

The Baptismal preparation evenings for January will take place on Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 21st January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. We have two Meetings for the parents of our First Holy Communion Children. They will take place on Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 28th January at 8pm in the Parish Hall. We will request for free car- parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Please note that we have a Requiem Mass for Mr. Frank Norton this Monday, December 22nd at 1pm in Church. Reception in to Church on Sunday at 5.30pm. Please pray also for Mr. Timothy O'Shea, husband of Dorothy O'Shea, who has died. A Requiem Mass will take place for Mr. O'Shea on Monday 5th January at 1.30pm.

Please remember in your prayers our Altar Servers who celebrate their Patronal Feast on Friday 26th December, the Feast of Saint Stephen. We will be enrolling several Altar Servers in to the Guild of St Stephen on Sunday 4th January.

The Catholic Newspapers available in the porch, come as a double issue this week, The Universe £2.60, The Catholic Times £2.60, Herald £3.00

<p>Saturday 20th December Advent Feria 'O Clavis David' (O Key of David) Father Jozef Waclawik</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 9.00am Paul Killeen-RIP 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 12.30pm Deceased Members of O'Callaghan Family 6.00pm Christine Worthington-Sick</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 21st December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Father Richard Walker Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>  <p>'O Oriens' (O Rising Sun)</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38</p> <p>9.00am Norah Brennan-RIP 11.00am Kath Clark-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 22nd December Advent Feria 'O Rex Gentium' (O King of All) Father Brian Wall</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Maureen Seager-RIP 1.00pm Requiem Frank Norton</p>	
<p>Tuesday 23rd December St John Kanty 'O Emmanuel'(God is with us) Father John Walsh</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4.23-24 Luke 1:57-66 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mrs Pat Mullen-Intention Zygfred & Wanda Cettler-RIP 12.30pm No Mass</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th December Advent Feria Father Thomas Walton</p> 	<p>11.00am-12.00 Confession Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 12.30pm Deceased members of Reynolds Family; Mullens Family-Intention; Dermot-poorly 4.30pm All People of the Parish Anne & Vincent Jordan-Birthdays Margaret Ward-Intention 8.00pm Eileen & Maurice Long RIP Daniel Brosnan RIP</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p>
<p>Thursday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Father James Ward</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 9.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP Bernadette O'Donnell- Birthday Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 11.00am Maureen & Philip Halleron-RIP Betty & Vincent Jordan-Intentions</p>	
<p>Friday 26th December FEAST ST STEPHEN Mgr Paul Watson</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am F.F.Kershaw-RIP Joe Grew-Get Well</p>	
<p>Saturday 27th December FEAST St John</p> <p>Father Peter Weatherby</p>	<p>10.00am –No Mass Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 12.30pm John Sutton-RIP 6.00pm Geraldine Gill-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>Sunday 28th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Father Anton Webb</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 9.00am Hadley & Gallagher Family 11.00am Mary Concannon-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week : £ 990:95 (Gift Aid £259:00 Loose 731:95)

LADIES RETREAT AT ALTON CASTLE- 23rd-25th January. Theme Women of Faith- cost £75 including meals. Contact suzanne1025@aol.com or mobile 07973741062

CHRISTMAS READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Eve 12.30pm Reader

Kate McNamara

4.00pm Reader

Anthony Killeen

8.00pm Readers

1. Madeleine Coburn 2. Richard Bird 3. Brian Healy

4. Michael Keating. Mass Readings Gerry Coburn

Christmas Day Reader 9.00am

1. Brian Healy

Reader 11.00am

1. Chris Hodrien

Christmas Eve 12.30pm Special Minister

1. Annette Kelly 2.

4.00pm Special Minister

1. Kevin O'Connor 2. Helen Brookes

8.30pm Special Ministers

1. Madeleine Coburn 2. Gerry Coburn

Christmas Day Special Minister 9.00am

Christmas Day Special Minister 11.00am

1. Annette Kelly 2. Eilish Duffy

OFFERING HOPE WHEN THE CRADLE IS EMPTY- What can religious couples do when their desire for the gift of a child is left wanting? SO much of what is on offer in reproductive medicine puts couples in conflict with their treasured Faith. At the Life Fertility Care Clinic we show that integration between Faith and medicine is possible. In fact, it's better. As manager Ira Winter says: 'Working with nature will always triumph over bypassing nature. NaProTechnology is not a quick fix, but it is a true fix. The couples really appreciate that they remain the co-creators with God and the child remains a gift of God within the marital union.' For details: www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk or Life Fertility Care 01926834654

Readers this week

Saturday

6pm David Bixby

Richard Bird

Sunday

9.00am *Don Deneny*

Bernard McHale

11.00am Marie Watts

Chris Hodrien

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Saturday

6pm Madeleine & Gerry Coburn

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Sunday

9.00am Caroline McGonigle & Ken Bolton

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11.00am Helen Brookes & Dasan Nettikkadan

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Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 22nd Services Christmas-G

Tracey Dunleavy, Paula Bren, Dasan & Tessy Nettikkadan

Flower Rota: for week beginning 22nd December for Services Christmas-Chris Docker

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Irene Sutton

Katie Kelly

Felicite Dormer

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Anthony McCann

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Kathleen McLoughlin

Agnes Carroll

Mick Green

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keane

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Mark Thomas

Anne White

Gary Phipps

Eileen Phipps

Patricia Jones

Rose Walsh

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Xiu Ping Chen

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

John Farrelly

Joseph Lockington

James Farmer

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Philip Docker

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Bernard Naylor

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

Finbarr Herron

THE INN KEEPER

I had to send that pair away- they do not pay and trade is trade and money too I say.
And yet that girl-she shivered in the doorway there and once she raised her eyes to mine and smiled
I could have knelt I swear
But some lout made a call for wine and broke the spell
I turned then from the door and I did well
Two merchants took the great room overhead
That's my policy I buy and sell
And keep my pity for the dead
And yet that girl- that girl- she turned and looked and fairer than before and went away
As if she walked with emperors and was a queen
And all the world was hers.

CHRISTMAS

JOHN BETJEMAN

V6. *And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?*

*V7. And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,*

V8. *No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare-
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in bread and Wine.*



Please pray for: Frank Norton (Requiem Monday 1.00pm, Reception Sunday 5.30pm) and Timothy O'Shea (Requiem Monday 5th January 2015, 1.30pm) who died recently. Also Elizabeth Morgan, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney, Doreen Mary Essex, Damien Peter Crow, Dymphna McDermott, Gerald Reddington, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner and Gerard McVeigh whose anniversaries are at this time.

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