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MASS TIMES

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Sat Eve 8th December (Purple) **Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

6.00pm Majella Cassidy's Intention

Sunday 9th December (Purple) **Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

Bible Sunday

9.30am Peter Stevens

11.00am Joe & Rozanne Shields R.I.P.

3.30pm Advent Devotions, led by Deacon Charlie

Monday 10th December (Purple) **Mass of the Day**

9.30am Tom & Sheila McNiff R.I.P. (B.L.)

Tuesday 11th December (Purple) **Mass of the Day**

9.30am Irene Mergulhao's Intention (E.M.)

Wednesday 12th December (Purple)

9.30am Requiem Mass for Wendy Mary Lea

Thursday 13th December (Red) **St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

9.30am Choir of St. Augustine's (C.&C.N.)

Friday 14th December (White) **St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8-9.25am Exposition ("Adoremus")

9.30am Owen O'Neill (80th Birthday)

10am-7.55pm Exposition ("Adoremus")

8.00pm Mrs. Joseph's Intention (Mrs.J)

Saturday 15th December (White) **Our Lady**

10.00am Pamela Robertson's Welfare

10.30am-11.20am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet

10.30am-11am Confessions

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Sat Eve 15th December (Purple) **Third Sunday of Advent (C)**

Gaudete Sunday

6.00pm Eileen Cayford's Welfare

Sunday 16th December (Purple) **Third Sunday of Advent (C)**

Gaudete Sunday

9.30am Peter Stevens

11.00am Eileen O'Toole R.I.P.

3.30pm Penitential Service, led by Canon Brian Coyle

Collections:

Gift Aid: £380.50

Loose: £176.15 Att: 211

The Dew Association Collection last Sunday for the House of Mercy was £334.08. Thank you very much.

Thank you to the person who sent the gift from Amazon.

Fr. Michael

Today is Bible Sunday. Readers, Eucharistic Minister, Catechists & Musicians renew their commitment to their ministry.

Next Sunday 16th December is our Penitential Service at 3.30pm, led by Canon Brian Coyle, Rector of St. John's Seminary.

Sunday 23rd December: Special Mass at 3.30pm with the anointing for those who wish to be anointed, led by Fr. Etienne Caruana.

Sunday 23rd December is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Friday "Adoramus" (times as opposite) Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life and also pray for those who suffered abuse, as requested by Archbishop Peter.

Last year the Children's Liturgy Team introduced "Bambino Sunday". The children were given a figure of the baby Jesus to take home after having it blessed by Father Michael.

We will be having the same this year on the Third Sunday of Advent at the 9.30am Mass. We invite parishioners to participate by bringing the figures of the baby Jesus from their cribs at home to be blessed.

SUNDAY SEEDS: *by Fr. S. O'Flynn OFM Cap.*

Advent road-works offer imagery for examining conscience. Pathways to straighten in greater truthfulness, openness and honesty. Valleys suggest low periods of effort, enthusiasm or devotion. Hills of mounting worries, insurmountable problems and anxiety. Winding ways of deviousness and insincerity. Roughness in language, tone of voice, or behaviour. *Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.* (Opening Prayer)

READINGS

The first reading: God's people are invited to undress: to remove their garments of sorrow and distress and to replace them with the beauty and glory of God.

The second reading: St. Paul's prayer is as relevant today as when he wrote it to the Philippians: 'May the one who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment'.

The Gospel: The roll-call of powerful and influential people is merely background to what God is doing in the ministry of the unknown preacher, John the Baptist.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Frances Wheeler, Gary Alger, Margaret Fuller, Jill & Walter Murray, Margaret Hanley, George Lea, Meriel Barry & Harry Howard, and all who care for them.

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Anna Williams, Sarah Jaques, Loma Nicholas, Marjorie Lindsey, John Lenane, Mary Whitehead & Lynn Randall

Newman Circle Meeting: 9/12/18 at 7.30pm at 53 Cherry Tree Road. Any queries contact Marie Casey on 389095.

200 Club Winner for November: No. 208, Julie Fullman, £25.

Christmas Raffle 2018:

This year for our Annual Christmas Raffle the proceeds will be going to The House of Mercy. We are selling raffle tickets at £1 per strip after each Mass. The top prize is a Christmas Hamper. The raffle will be drawn after the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. Many thanks for your support.

The Universe & The Catholic Times: there will be a double issue for these papers both priced at £3 each. Copies will be on sale on weekend 22nd/23rd December.