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Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (C) - 16th December 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th	Vigil Neo-catechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Gonsalves & Brennan families
Sun 16th		6.00 pm	Parishioners
		9.30 am	Paul Heron (bd)
		11.00 am	Brian Brooks (A)
	Children's Nativity Service	3.00 pm	
Mon 17th	Advent Service	5.30pm 7.00 pm	Agnes Hilliard (bd)
Tues 18th	Christmas Carol Service	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Fr Mangan (A)
Wed 19th	Requiem	12 noon	Beryl Frances Thompson
Thu 20th		12 noon	Fr James Essandoh
Fri 21st		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 22nd	Vigil, Neo-catechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Nora Staunton (RIP)
Sun 23rd		6.00 pm	Parishioners
		9.30 am	Christopher Duffy (A)
	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	11.00 am	Steve Dooley (A)



Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
Daughter of Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:14

Confessions:

Mon 6.30 - 6.45pm
Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, at home or in hospital, the housebound and all who care for them, those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. May all who grieve their passing come to experience the peace of the Risen Christ.



Frances Joyce Caldwell, William Alben, George McVey, Hilda Halford.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Carol Laing, Dr Anne Merriman, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley.

LATELY DEAD: Beryl Thompson, Gerard Mulkerrin, Paul Gorst, Joseph Alexander Ormondy.

Thought for the Week:

Peace is the simplicity of heart, serenity of mind, tranquillity of soul - the bond of love (Padre Pio)

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Brooks, Fr Mangan, Fr James Essandoh, Christopher Duffy, Steve Dooley, Constance Veronica Costello, Arthur Gordon Fryer, Sheila Anne Calvey, Josephine Fagan, Mary Ann Kelly, Helena Greatex, Maurice Foran, Peter Michael Farrell, Eileen Woods, Eileen Devaney, Terence Ryan,



to any visitors and new parishioners.

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Patricia Anne Seddon (sick)

Marian Candle: Brian Brooks

Sacred Heart Candle: Special Intention



Bambinelli Sunday

Today, Gaudete Sunday

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from their crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our 11am Mass today.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the nativity for your whole family.

Carol Service

Our carol service this year will take place on Tuesday 18th December at 7:30pm. The Parish choir has been practising very hard and will lead our singing. Please do invite family and friends for what will be a wonderful celebration in

MUSIC ON 23 DECEMBER

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



MASS ATTENDANCE 1/2 December

5.00pm: 189 6.00 pm: 32 9.30am: 166
11.00am: 183 **Total: 570**

OFFERTORY 1/2 December

Plate: £530.93 Envelopes: £491.94 S/O: £399.75
Total: **£1422.62**

Film Night £80.25—Thomas Clarke's Ordination

Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve and during Christmas week oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. Each candle will have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.

If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones please place £5 in an envelope along with their name and write 'Memorial Candle' on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave in the sacristy.



Advent Service

The pupils of Bellerive FCJ Catholic College will take part in an Advent Service on Monday 17th December at 5.30 -6.30pm in St Charles Borromeo An hour of music, readings and reflection before Christmas.



Parish Rooms

There have been sightings of mice in the Parish Hall so can I ask all those who use it to keep all biscuits, crisps etc in boxes and not leave any food lying around and please keep the entrance door closed. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

Fundraising for the ordination celebration of Thomas Clarke.

17th January at 7.30 -Quiz

31sr March at 3.00 - Easter bingo.

Tickets are limited and will be on sale after Christmas.

IF SOMEONE IS ILL

If you, or someone you know of, becomes ill, goes into hospital, or is no longer able to get to Mass, please contact the parish office 0151 727 2493.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Please note that our January meeting will be on the second Monday, 14th January. All welcome. Details from 0151 727 2195



Children's Nativity Service

**Sunday 16th December at
3pm**

This is a short service of carols, readings and a tableau, prepared and delivered for and by our children.



Afternoon tea

Everyone is invited to a small tea party in the hall after the service.

Presents for the children of prisoners

As a sign of sharing at Christmas, you are asked to bring the gift of an activity which prisoners can use to engage with their children, during visiting. Things like stationery, puzzles, games, books and make believe toys would all be very welcome.

Volunteers Please.

If you have time to spare and would like to help clean the church then come along on Thursday afternoons after the 12noon Mass.

Christmas Mass and Service Times

Sunday 16th December
3.00 pm Children's Nativity

Monday 17th December,
5.30 pm Bellerive Catholic College Advent Service

Tuesday 18th December,
7.30 pm Carol Service

Saturday 22nd December,
Vigil Mass 5.00 pm

Sunday 23rd December,
9.30am and 11am

Monday 24th December, Christmas Eve
4.30 pm Carols
5.00 pm Family Mass

12.00 Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December, Christmas Day
9.30 am Mass
11.00 am Mass

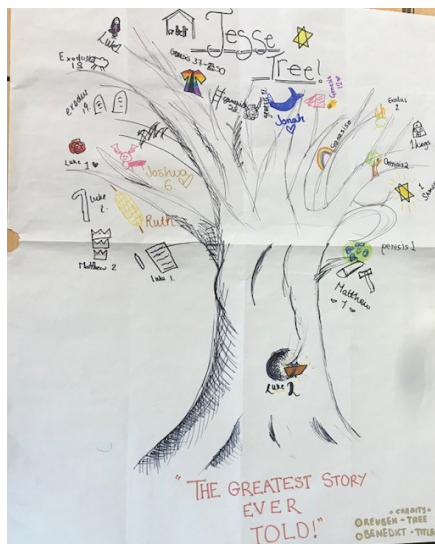
Wednesday 26th December, Boxing Day
12noon Mass

At **Pizza & Prayers** last weekend we learnt about the Jesse Tree, it's meaning and symbols, and how they relate all the way to Jesus' birth from Genesis to Luke!

We also reflected on what Christmas meant to us by sharing our thoughts and sitting with the light of the candles.

Our next meeting is January 20th 2019

Blessed Christmas to all our parishioners from the Pizza@Prayers group



Pizza & Prayers mighty Christmas raffle

If you want to buy tickets please just ask any of the young people, Netti or Eleanor.

Raffle will be drawn at the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Throughout December (1-16) we will continue to support the **Hope Food Bank** who provide three days of emergency food for anyone in need, at St Vincents, St James St every Tuesday (12.30-2.30) and at St Brides, Percy St every Thursday 12.30-2.30). Donations can be left in the boxes at the back of Church. Thanks for all your generous donations this month.

CONFIRMATION 2019

It is hoped that next year we will resume the practice of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation annually in our Parish. If your son/daughter is in year eight or above they are eligible to receive the Sacrament. Preparation will begin after Easter and the Sacrament will be celebrated by one of our bishops, later in the year. Please phone the parish office to register your son/daughter on the preparation programme.



Shopping List

Milk UHT/longlife	Weetabix
Tinned fish/meat	Teabags/Instant coffee
Tinned tomatoes	Biscuits
Nappies (sizes 5,6)	Shampoo/toothpaste
Individual packs dried noodles	Cereal bars/cake bars/chocolate bars
Pasta/curry sauces	Tinned fruit & Vegetables
Rice/Pasta	Biscuits & Snack Bars

Advent Prayer Evenings

Seeking God

The final evening session for Advent organised by the FCJ Sisters. The evening will include some input on prayer based on the tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola (Jesuit), a time of prayer, and an opportunity to share with others.

Praying with Scripture (Imaginative Contemplation)

Wednesday 19th December

6:30pm – 7:30pm

FCJ House St Hugh's, 53A Cranborne Rd., Wavertree

For more information contact Sr. MaryAnne or Sr.

Lynne FCJ: 0151 733 5475

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr. James after Mass to discuss arrangements for a Sunday, after completing a three-week course. Attendance of the course is an essential part of preparing for this important moment in your family.

Courses are held in

January for baptisms in February, March and April

April for baptisms in May, June and July

July for baptisms in August September and October

October for baptisms in November, December and January.

TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

There are some prayer books and story books on the shelf at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA

2:00-3:30 pm - Parish Hall

New members are welcome.

Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Come and enjoy the final activity of 2018

20th December Christmas Party



SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

This is an urgent message for all volunteers. In accordance with the regulations of the Archdiocese all must undergo the safeguarding protection process and hold a valid DBS certificate before undertaking a role within the Parish. DBS certificates are valid for three years and must be renewed. If your DBS certificate was issued in 2015 or before you must renew it now. If you have any queries please talk to Father James or the safeguarding representatives. Thank you for your ongoing support.