



NEWSLETTER

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2ND DECEMBER 2018

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

DECEMBER 2018

2 nd	Sun	09.30:	Joseph McGarry+ <i>Filipino Choir</i>
		18.00	Baby Nathanael Jacob (Get Well)
3 rd	Mon	09.00	Davis Matthew <i>St Francis Xavier</i>
4 th	Tue	19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Anne O'Niell +
5 th	Wed		NO MASS
6 th	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	Joanna Coxhead (Get well)
7 th	Fri	09.00	FIRST FRIDAY Richard Swako + <i>St Ambrose</i>
		19.00	VENITE ADOREMUS Santa Terezinha Choir
8 th	Sat	10.00	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V MARY Rev Bernard Maddox +
9 th	Sun	09.30	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT BIBLE SUNDAY Cecilia Michael + <i>Main Choir</i>
		18.00	Pro Populo

RECENT DEAD: Genista Percell: sister to Michael Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Batten

FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offerings: £304.02
- Youth Service: £132.29
- Christmas Bazaar: £1,968.27
- Half & Half: £64.00

HALF & HALF: Congratulations to A Heaney for winning £32.00 from the November Half and Half Draw. Please keep buying tickets for the December draw to take place today 30th December.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: TODAY: 9.30am: Pat McGroarty, Philomena Doherty and Matthew Emerson. 6.00pm: Lilian Tatenda Mwawa and Fred Manansala. NEXT WEEK: 9.30am: Rolly Esteban, Lorraine McKenna and Chris Donovan. 6.00pm: Ella Manansala and John Thomas

READERS: TODAY: 9.30am: Marianne Fermin, Kylla Abrigo and Rochelle Galindez. 6.00pm: Michelle Rodrigues, Rachel Breward and Fred Manansala. NEXT WEEK: 9.30am: Confirmation Children. 6.00pm: Jason Waine, Fred Manansala and Michelle Rodrigues.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

- **Confirmation:** Second Tuesday, 4th December and enrolment on Sunday 9th December at 9.30am Mass. Confirmation will be on Sunday, 7th April 2019 at 11am.
- **Communion:** First Meeting involving parents and children will be on take place on Monday, 3rd December from 4.30pm till 5.30pm. The second meeting will be at

the same time on Monday, 10th December. Enrolment will be Sunday, 16th December at the 9.30am Mass. The First Holy Communion will be Sunday 19th May 2019.

VENITE ADOREMUS: This First Friday of December 7th from 7pm till 8pm. Please come for an hour of adoration organised by the Santa Terezinha Choir

LEYS WINDRUSH GATHERING: All are invited to this Olde Time Meal and Stories this Saturday, 8th December in our Church Hall from 6pm till 9pm. Entrance: Adult £6, Senior Citizens £4 and children £3

CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL AND EVENT: Saturday, 15th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The evening will begin with a shared Christmas meal followed by a short film clip on Global Healing responding to Laudato Si. The film will inform, challenge and equip us to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to Care for Our Common Home. There will be a short time for discussion to help stir a deeper ecological conversion and fresh practical responses. Please come and see how our faith helps us care for our Common home. We encourage the presence of children with their families. Cathy Wanja, Jenny Parker and Salome Busuuluwa are in the organising committee and one of them may be approaching certain individuals for particular help prior to the day.

MALAWI TRIP MEETING: Sunday, 16th December soon after the 6pm Mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: On Sunday, 23rd December children will lead music at the 9.30am Mass. Today and Sunday 16th December they will be having a short practise in the side room annex to the hall soon after the 9.30am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: for poor parishes.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Tuesday, 18th December 2018 at 7.00pm

PRAYER BEFORE THE ADVENT RWEATHE:

Father in heaven,
Our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming may find us
rejoicing in his presence

and welcoming the light of his truth; Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever, **Amen**

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

- **VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS):** Monday, 24 December at 6pm (*Filipino Choir*)
- **CAROL SERVICE:** Monday, 24 December at 11.30PM: (*African Choir*)
- **SOLEMN NATIVITY MASS AT MIDNIGHT: CHRISTMAS** (*Santa Terezinha Choir*)
- **DAY MASS:** Tuesday 25th December at 10am: (*Main Choir*).