



NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

30TH DECEMBER 2018

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

DECEMBER 2018

30th Sun 09.30: Methodear Method +
African Choir

18.00 Thanksgiving: Gerry & Carla

31st Mon 19.00 END OF YEAR MASS.
Santa Terezinha Choir

JANUARY 2019

1st Tue 10.00 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF
GOD

Dennis Murphy – get well

Filipino Choir

NO MASS

3rd Thu 18.30 EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

19.00 Harry Quigley +

4th Fri 09.00 William Day +
19.00 – 20.00 VENITE ADOREMUS
(Led by African Community)

5th Sat 10.00
6th Sun 09.30 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD

Ferdinand Rodrigues +

Filipino Choir

18.00 Pro Populo

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Carpenter, Deirdre Nolan, Ann Tobin and
Anacletus Prosper

FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offerings: £241.23
- Side Window Fund: £101.80
- Humper Draw: £35.02

HALF & HALF: Please keep buying last minute tickets for the December
draw to take place today, 30th December.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Chris Donovan, Pat McGroarty and Lorraine
McKenna. **6.00pm:** John Thomas and Lilian Mwawa
- **NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am:** Jenny Parker, Chris Donovan and
Matthew Emerson. **6.00pm:** John Kusumalayam and Lilian T
Mwawa

READERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Cathy Wanja, Benedict Afanu and Michelle
Afanu. **6.00pm:** Jason Waine, Michelle Rodriguez and Jason
Waine.
- **NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am:** Kylla Abrigo, Rocelle Galindez and
Marianne Fermin.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A big thank you to Margaret Treavajo and
Margaret Early for the flower arrangement this week. Next week it will be
the turn of the Liu and Goncalves Family.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM Fr Naz for the generosity of the people of the
parish behind the Christmas offerings, cards and personal donations this
Christmas time.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way in organizing
various Christmas Liturgies. Particular thanks to Pat McGroarty who,
single-handedly set up the lovely crib and to Marin Kranich and Gabriel
Esteban who polished the church. The different choirs, altar servers,
readers, sacristans, cleaners etc all did commendable jobs.

CONFIRMATION

- WEEKLY PROGRAMME will start in a big way on Tuesday 8th
January from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
- Parents please come for your own session on 8th January,
parents will have their own session reflecting on Liturgy and
Sacraments.
- Retreat at Alton Castle is now confirmed for 22nd to 24th March.
- Confirmation date still remains on Sunday, 7th April at 11am

COMMUNION

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January from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
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parents will have their own session reflecting on Liturgy and
Sacraments.
- Communion Day still remains on Sunday, 19th April at 11am

MALAWI TRIP

The original plan was to hold the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Fr
Naz's ordination on 15th August 2019. The new plan is to hold the
celebration on 21st September as air tickets are at high peak in August.
Those interested please organize to leave from Heathrow for Lilongwe
airport in Malawi on Wednesday 18th September either

- via Nairobi by Kenya Airways or
- via Addis Ababa by Ethiopian Airways to arrive in Lilongwe on
Thursday, 19th September.

Return trip to be booked for 28th September to depart from Lilongwe
Airport.

Apart from the celebration on 21st September there will be visits to the
following places:

- St Peter's Cathedral, a former parish of Fr Naz,
- Lake Malawi and
- Luangwa National Park in neighbouring Zambia to see wild life.
Group Travel and accommodation will be arranged in various
places within Malawi and Zambia. Those interested please
contact Cathy Wanja or Fr Naz.