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Times of Mass & Services

23rd/24th Dec. 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5.30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 11.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP

**CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00pm Mass, preceded by
Carols from 7.30pm** People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY 11.00 am Lafferty Family

Saturday 30th Dec. 5.30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 31st Dec. 11.00 am Special Intention (PH

NEW YEAR'S DAY 10.00 am Ann & Gerry

Cavanagh RIP

CHRISTMAS MASSES Our first Mass of Christmas is on Christmas Eve at 8.00 pm, preceded by Carols from 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas Day is at 11.00 am.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS Please take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, or 11am Sunday Mass on 24th December, or 6.00 – 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING The one collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal offering for the support of your priest. *Please take a brown envelope.*

DURING THE WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS there will not be weekday Mass or Holy Hour.

**NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AS USUAL
NEW YEAR'S DAY, MASS AT 10.00 am.**

PREPARATION OF THE CHURCH-THANKS We are grateful to all those who prepared the church for the celebration of the Christmas Liturgy: those who donated the poinsettias, those who helped the children to decorate the tree, those who cleaned the brasses, cloths, church, windows and woodwork, those who provided and arranged the flowers.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS Congratulations to the winners in the Raffle which was drawn last Sunday. The Luxury Hamper: Mrs DeFranco; The Family Hamper: Clive Stanbrook; The Chocolate Indulgence: McTerese Crespzic (Spanish Family); The Tetley Tea Man: Ann Hedley.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT TICKETS & DONATED and WRAPPED THE PRIZES The Raffle made £770 for the church building fund. Thanks also to Margaret Ball for £50 from the knitted Christmas Puddings and £30 from the hats and gloves.

CHRISTMAS EDITION OF CATHOLIC TODAY Please take a copy of Catholic Today, our diocesan newspaper. There is a message from His Grace, the Archbishop, a summary of the financial returns of the diocese and various helpful statistics, and news from the parishes.

PIETY THANKS Our thanks to Marie-Louise for £100 from Piety Stall sales.

ANGEL TREE Many thanks to all who helped again this year. Seventy presents were posted to the children of prisoners. Thirty-six were bought by St Joseph's shoppers! Many parishioners also sent contributions and prayed for Angel Tree. Thank you to all.

PARISH RECORDS UPDATE Please enable us to update the parish records by filling in an information sheet and handing them to Fr Garry. This has not been done for a long time and will really help.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerrard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Liz Gowers, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker, Nicholas Summerfield, Margaret McAleer, Mike Newman.