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Times of Mass & Services 24th/25th Dec. 2016 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00 pm Mary Waller, May & Tommy Hamilton RIP

CHRISTMAS DAY 11.00 am Lafferty Family Int

No Mass Mon. Tues. or Wed. this week

Thursday 6.15 pm The Coptic Church

Friday 9.00 am Derrick Eatwell RIP

Saturday 5.30 pm Mother Regina CP Int.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass

THE COLLECTION at the Christmas Masses is traditionally your personal offering for the support of your priest. Please take an envelope.

HOLY HOUR THIS THURSDAY before The Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm to Mass at 6.15 pm. Many are praying for peace at this time.

THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS BECKET Mass at 6.15 pm, after Holy Hour from 5.15 pm.

FRIDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Mass at 9.00 am.

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD Our Masses are as usual, Saturday 5.30 pm and Sunday 11.00 am.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM 'AWARDS FOR ALL' Our Building Committee, with help and advice from the Diocese, recently applied to The Big Lottery 'Awards for All' Scheme. We sought funding to undertake a professional feasibility study of the needs of the local community, and how we could be equipped to meet them. On Monday we

received a letter from 'Awards for All' confirming that we would be receiving a grant of £9,400 for this purpose. This will help to inform our decisions about developing our parish and site.

DECEMBER ISSUE OF CATHOLIC TODAY

Please take a copy of the December Issue of 'Catholic Today', our own Diocesan Newspaper. Read about Fatima House, providing shelter for vulnerable asylum seekers in Birmingham; an account of Archbishop Bernard's Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop John Inge of Worcester; the Diocesan Financial Newsletter, and much more.

KNOTWEED REMOVED The knotweed in a part of the former allotment behind the church was removed during the week. In tracing it, the contractors excavated at the deepest point to about 2 ½ meters. In all, around 30 square meters of soil was processed. The largest roots were about 1 ½ inches thick, breakable by hand, and showing an orange interior, which greatly helps to identify them. The cost, with a 10 year guarantee, is £12,000, plus VAT- £14,400, which we will now have to raise.

A FEW CATHOLIC DIARIES still remain on the Piety Stall, as do other small Gifts and Cards.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon.