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Times of Mass & Services 26th/26th Nov. 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm	Mary Windle RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	Mary & Tom Hartley RIP
Monday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	10.00 am	Maria Thompson' Int
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	6.15 pm	Owen O'Donnell RIP
Friday	9.00 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	5.30 pm	Sheila Hodges RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass

THIS SUNDAY- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please take one of the *"Walk with Me"* Booklets for yourself and one to give to another. Also take copies of the *Advent Calendar* which gives a little focus for each day. The theme of the booklet this year is: **Advent, Season of Love**, drawing on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter, the Joy of Love, on marriage and the family. In the introduction Archbishop Bernard writes: *"This is a season of love. During these days, we discover the depth of God's love for humankind, for the world, for every person but also for us personally. We discover the beauty and glory of God's love made Incarnate, born in a stable, true God, true man, of one being with the Father."*

YOUTH SUNDAY MASS, THANKS Thank you to all the young people who made last Sunday's Mass for the Feast of Christ the King so joyful, and all those who prepared for it.

HOLY HOUR THIS THURSDAY before The Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm to Mass at 6.15 pm. This is a wonderful way to *'be awake'* to Our Lord's coming.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS We can send Christmas greetings to someone whose human rights are being abused, which gives them hope and the knowledge that they are not forgotten. Also those in authority re-

alise that we are taking notice. There are further details in the porch. Also Zofia Jackson is hosting a cake and coffee morning on Dec. 6th between 10 and 12, where cards for signing will be available. Amnesty will post them. If you would like to come please phone Zofia 01789 708823.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY THANKS Chris Funnell from CAFOD has written: "On behalf of CAFOD and its partners, I wish to thank you very much for all your support this Harvest Fast Day and for your prayers for CAFOD's work. Please know that your gifts and prayers will really make a lasting difference to the lives of so many." **Amount received: £578.55**

PACT – Prison Advice & Care Trust send their thanks for the £189.15 raised from the parish collection on Prisoners' Sunday. The funds raised will enable Pact to reach prisoners' children visiting a parent in prison, family members struggling with their relative's imprisonment, prisoners and ex-offenders looking to make a fresh start. *Naomi Hollowday.*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED THANKS Thank you so much for your support for the Appeal. £350.51 was received in donations, a further £127.45 from the sale of goods and £54.87 will be received from Gift Aid. A total of £532.83! *Dee Dunne-Thomas.*

ADVENT CALENDARS, Christmas Cards, Diaries available from the Piety Stall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 20th Nov: £115.18
Thank You **2nd Collection for The Catholic Youth Service: £97.10 Thank You**

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, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lammings, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Enzo Buquet, Julie Kelly.