



## 4<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Sunday school listening & reading (New Testament)
		9.30am	Family Mass (Esther Cummiskey)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass (Tom Healy)
		12.30pm	Holy Baptism of Lilah Wilson

**TODAYS LITURGY:**

**9.30AM**

<b>Entrance:</b>	116	Long ago prophets knew
<b>Penitential:</b>	479	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Offertory:</b>	108	The voice of God
<b>Communion:</b>	88	Wait for the Lord
<b>Recessional:</b>	84	Like a sea without a shore

*Today's Liturgy at 11.15am - Please use the specially prepared music sheets*

**\*\*\*SECOND COLLECTION - FOR THE POOR PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE\*\*\***

**... FROM FR. MICHAEL...**

We all need stories. We all need to belong. We want to know who our friends are. We want to where we come from, what our origins are. Stories give meaning to our lives. Stories locate us in a community, a tradition. Listening to those stories and retelling those stories strengthens us and encourages us.

At our Sunday school today we are thinking about listening to and reading the stories of the New Testament, the stories about Jesus and the early Church. What are your favourite bits of the Bible? Which passages of the Bible help you when you are feeling a little disheartened or discouraged?

'Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope.'

In the scriptures we can hear the voice of God, the voice of mercy, the voice of love. As an ancient prayer used to say 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest,' especially that last one 'inwardly digest!'

This is food for the soul, the very message of eternal life.

It's traditional before Christmas to make our confessions. Maybe think of a confession as telling your story.

How you have got to where you are? What sort of a person are you? How can your story continue in a happy wholesome way? As your Priest, I need to know who belongs to our parish, and currently I am trying to create a database of membership. If you haven't already filled in our parish census form, then please do so as soon as possible. The information given will be treated as confidential.

### CHRISTMAS

Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Children's' Mass
			9.00pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Mass
			11.15am	Solemn Mass

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Birinus</b>	12.00noon	Mass	(Mark McGinley {Sick})
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>		7.00pm	Mass	(Josephine Kelly)
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	9.00am	Mass	(Special Int.)
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9.15am	Mass	(John Paul Brogan)
			7.00pm	Mass	(Raffaele & Raffeala Columbo)
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO</b>		<b>Mass</b>	
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>		5.30pm	Mass	(John, Margaret & Geraldine Murphy)
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30am	Family Mass & Baptism of Shaye	(Paddy & Nora Brennan)
			11.15am	Solemn Mass	(Bridie & Christopher Mullaly)

**Confessions:** Saturday 4.45pm

**\*\*\*SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY\*\*\***

### **MAKING A CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Liturgy of Reconciliation with confessions

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.15am in school

Other confession times' 4.45pm Sat 10<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am Sat 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am also available by appointment.

### **...PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY...**

6.30pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please return your Raffle tickets.  
Please bring a plate of food to share! Wine and soft drinks provided! Quiz  
for all the family!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL THE FAMILY 9.00AM**

4<sup>th</sup> December - Listening & Reading (New Testament) & 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Praying & Offering  
5<sup>th</sup> February- The Last Supper & 5<sup>th</sup> March – Receiving Holy Communion

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

For children in Non-Catholic Schools, please apply to either Barbara McGowen or Fr. Michael

**SPRED** Mass 5.30pm – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> All Welcome

### **REPOSITORY**

Come and see the new stock in our refurbished shop. Orders can be taken. If you would like to help with the shop after Mass, please come and speak to Michelle.  
2017 Diaries are now available. £1 each

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** – Now takes a Christmas break to resume on the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan '12