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Parish Masses for the Fourth Week of Advent & Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Richard Molloy A	Vigil of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Su 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Su 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
M 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Tom & Mollie Bailey R	Advent Weekday
T 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Deceased of Holden & Bailey families R	Advent Weekday
W 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	St Peter Canisius SJ PD
Th 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.55am	Michael Crotty A	Advent Weekday
F 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	The Wilcock family R	Advent Weekday
Sa 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Carol Ann Thomasson A	Vigil and First Mass of Christmas
Su 25 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight St P's	For the parish	Christmas Day
Su 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	Christmas Day
M 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St P's	In thanksgiving	St Stephen M

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope  
P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Eileen Louise Ahearne, John Wilkinson, Ellen Snape, John Myerscough, Clifford Wilkinson, Mary Josephine Brown, Pearl Heller, James Wilcock, William Duxbury, Michael Crotty, Francis Bretherton, Richard Platt, Carol Ann Thomasson, Florence Smallman.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Readings at Mass:	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christmas: Vigil	Midnight	Dawn
First Reading	Isaiah 7:10-14	Isaiah 62:1-5	Isaiah 9:1-7	Isaiah 62:11-12
Second Reading	Romans 1:1-7	Acts 13:16-17.22-25	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-24	Matthew 1:1-25	Luke 2:1-14	Luke 2:15-20

**Collections:** Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 10/11<sup>th</sup> December

Vigil	£ 91.86	8.30am	£ 68.95	10.00 am	£ 45.38	TOTAL	£206.19
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## Spiritual Reading

One of the many ways that we can keep up our hearts and minds on good, worthwhile things is to look carefully at what we read. After all, we read all sorts of things in our daily lives, recipes, knitting patterns, instruction manuals when things go wrong, letters, Christmas cards etc., etc. Perhaps we wouldn't consider any of these as 'spiritual reading'. They won't affect our feelings or necessarily draw us closer to God. So what do we read to do just this? It is tempting to say 'read the Bible' and obviously this is a very rich source of inspiration, but don't despise some sources which are much nearer to hand. **Newspapers**, if critically read, can be a great incentive to turn to prayer. Some articles we read will affect our feelings and we will want to respond in some way and very often the only thing we can do is pray, there and then, on the spot. I would like to suggest one or two other sources. At the back of the church of St Peter's, you will see on display, monthly, a publication of the Irish Jesuits, '**The Sacred Heart Messenger**'. It contains articles of all kinds but mostly the kind of article that is easy to read and is an inspiration to prayer. Take one and have a look at it!

You will also find a selection of **Mission magazines from various Religious Orders of Missionaries**. Why not take one? Find out what is going on in far-flung countries of our world. Support them with your prayers.

## **The Jesuit Pastoral Conference 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Every two years, representatives from the Jesuit-run parishes in England and Scotland are invited to meet together. The object of the meetings is for parishioners in Jesuit-run parishes in different parts of the country to meet each other, share experiences and good practice and also to look more deeply at a particular theme or themes which could enhance their mission, where-ever they are. **In 2017, a meeting is planned in the Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire.**

The dates and times are from **5.00pm on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** until after **lunch on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The theme of the meeting** is a study of the three encyclicals issued by Pope Francis since he became Pope.

They are: **Evangelii Gaudium** - The Joy of the Gospel

**Laudato Si** – Care of Planet Earth  
**Amoris Laetitia** - The Joy of Married

Love.

Each Jesuit Parish – and we are one – is invited to send up to 12 people. The parish would fund attendees, including travel. All are invited and if you would like to attend, and it would be very good if we had twelve representatives, please let Fr Griffiths know as soon as possible.

In order to prepare for the gathering, there will be the opportunity to have guided instructions on each of the three encyclicals and information on these ‘classes’ will be given nearer the time.

**I recommend this opportunity very highly.** Pope Francis has taken his responsibilities very seriously indeed and we need as a parish to take on board his wishes for the Church of today.

## **Knowing the Faith.**

‘Classes’ on various aspects of Catholic teaching.  
Venue: the Parish priest’s office. Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church.  
Time: 7.30pm.

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December: Grace & the Beatitudes**

## **Praying with the Pope in December, 2016**

The Pope’s Prayer intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer for December are:

**Universal:** That the scandal of Child-Soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelisation:** That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel, which gives joy and hope to life.

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information.



## **Christmas Masses and services in St Peter’s and St Joseph’s 2016**

### **St Peter’s**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** 10-11am Confessions

**Christmas Vigil Mass with blessing of crib 5.30pm**  
(preceded with Carols at 5.00pm)

**Midnight Mass at 12.00pm** preceded with carols at 11.30pm.

### **St Joseph’s**

**Sunday, Christmas Day 10.00 mass** in St Joseph’s Chapel

### **St Peter’s, Feast of St Stephen, (Boxing Day)**

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Mass at 10.00am.** (No 8.00am mass)

The details above, plus details of Christmas services of our sister churches of St John’s in Hurst Green and All Hallows in Mitton in the form of a post-card are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

**Next Week’s Newsletter** will be a ‘double number’ and cover the fourth week of Advent and Christmas week.