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13TH DECEMBER 2015

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 13th Third Sunday Of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm Mary Rice R.I.P. 9.00am Mrs Daisy Joseph R.I.P. 11.00am People of the Parish

Monday 14th St John of the Cross

10.00am Kit Ridgeon R.I.P.

Tuesday 15th

10.00am Francis Prince R.I.P.

Wednesday 16th

10.00am Mary Bennett R.I.P.

Thursday 17th

10.00am St Anthony - Thanksgiving

Friday 18th Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am 10.00am Lucy Hall R.I.P.

Saturday 19th Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 – 6.15pm

Sunday 20th 4th Sunday of Advent 6.30pm People of the Parish 9.00am Edith Mannion R.I.P. 11.00am Brid Walsh R.I.P.

Parish Activities

<u>Sunday 13th</u> Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

<u>Monday 14th:</u> Parent and Toddlers at 9.00am in the parish centre.

RCIA Journey in Faith at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

<u>Tuesday 15^{th} :</u> Tuesday Club meets today at 12.30 -1pm in the parish centre.

Prayer and Adoration in the church at 7.30pm.

<u>Wednesday 16th:</u> Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

Prayer Group in the parish office 7.30pm.

Thursday 17th: Junior Youth Club 5pm.

Folk Group – Carol Singing at St Helier Hospital, please meet in the foyer at 6.45pm.

Legion of Mary meet at 7.30pm in office.

<u>Friday 18th:</u> The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am in the church. Senior Youth Club 7.00pm.

<u>Saturday 19th:</u> Prayer Day - Confessions 12-12.30pm followed by Mass in the centre. Break for lunch, Exposition and Adoration 1.30 - 3.00pm.

St. Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden. Tel. 8648 1846 Headteacher: Mr Justin Dachtler. Merton Catholic Deanery <u>www.mertoncatholics.org.uk</u> <u>Community Development Manager – Rob Mobile 07429 454480</u>

Thank you for the weekend collection £1093.77. Standing Orders £689.00. Total £1782.77.

Penitential Service for Christmas – On Tuesday 22^{nd} December at 7.00pm we shall have a number of priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come along and take the opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord.

St Teresa's Christmas Timetable – Please take the Christmas and New Year timetable today so that you know the times of services over the festive season. Please also pass one on to any neighbours or friends who you feel may wish to know times of Masses etc. Thank you.

Readers, Lay Ministers, Ushers and Servers – Please go into the sacristy and you will find a list of Christmas/ New Year celebrations. **Please read the top of the sheet for dates and times.** Sign your name on one of these. It is important to involve as many people as possible.

Friday 1st January 2016 – We shall have a community Mass at 12noon on New Year's Day followed by a shared lunch in the parish centre. If anyone would like to help with this please put your name and Tel No on the list in the Narthex. Thank you.

Be Aware – Please be aware of any people on their own over Christmas and New Year. For some people this can be a very lonely time especially if there are no family or friends nearby. You may be able to invite someone for a meal over Christmas – or offer to bring a meal to them on Christmas or New Year's Day. If you are able to do a take-away meal for someone on Christmas Day – please see Fr John.

Flowers – Donations for Christmas flowers can be left in the black box in the Narthex.

Christmas Offerings – the collection at the Christmas Masses will be your personal gift to Fr John. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

Confirmation 2016 for Year 9 or above – Introduction Session and Sign Up is on Saturday 9th January at 10.00am in the parish centre.

St Teresa's School – The football and netball teams are doing extremely well lately. However, they are looking for a kind sponsor or sponsors who might be able to help purchase some new kits for the teams. If you can help please see Fr John or contact the school directly.

Crib Appeal 2015 – Donations this year goes to the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund (Southwark) to benefit disadvantaged children and families.

Southwark Catholic Directories 2016 – Available in the Repository, price £3.

Christmas Appeal by the SVP – Feed a Child in Sudan. It takes £50 to feed a child per year, but any donation will be welcome. Leaflets available at all Masses this weekend.

New Altar Servers Training – Continues Saturday 19th December at 11.00am.

Prayer for the Sick - Please remember in your prayers all those confined to home or hospital. Margaret Douglas, Finola Kirrane, James Rice, Winnie Mann, Mary Dunne, Tom Curran, Sean Breslin, Frank Macklin, Nicole Turner, Mariquinha De Sa, Ivy Board, Phil Diver, Jim Creighan, Meta O'Donnell, William Hanrahan, Glenys Marsh, Winifred Rogers, and Lira Fernandes.