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'Love God, Love Learning, Love Life'

THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Natlie Morris, RIP (C L) Helen Clarke, RIP (M F & L W) Parish Community
Monday 11 th	10.00am	Mass in Townhill
Tuesday 12 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	John Battershell, Private Intention (H B)
Wednesday 13 th <i>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Brian Thomas, RIP Anniversary (E T) Coffee Morning
Thursday 14 th <i>St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	7.00pm	Daphne McCann, RIP 1 st Anniversary (N E)
Friday 15 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Helen Clarke, RIP (H J B)
Saturday 16 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	Rhiannon Williams, RIP (T & A L)
Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Maurice Rees, RIP (A L) Susan Steele-Morgan, RIP (SVP) Parish Community

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jean Powell, Caroline Solomon.

PARISH YOUNGSTERS' GAMES:

Table Tennis Match: 10 th December Final	Sunday 24 th December Table Tennis Prizes	Sunday 24 th December Scrabble Games Begin
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Table Tennis Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

Chess Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

Scrabble Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher. To register, please get in touch with the priests.

SVP: The next meeting will be at the earlier time of 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th December in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

NATIVITY 2023: We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals are being held in the church, each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass, starting this weekend. Please join us.

10:30AM MASS TEA & COFFEE: Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the porch.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: Don't know what to give family and friends for Christmas this year? Cafod's World Gifts capture the true spirit of Christmas giving. Go to cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall, so no longer on Zoom. Please join our next meeting at 7pm on **Tuesday 19th December**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 11th December at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 1. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 20th December.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 21st December**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

SECOND COLLECTION: there will be a retiring collection this weekend for **Flowers for Christmas.**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bill Gill, Jimmy Taylor, Janice Jones, Wendy Graham, Maureen Williams, John Mannion, Tony Lane, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During **Advent** and **Christmastide**, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees and for Expectant Mothers

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: That people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer programs which value their active participation.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £798

Thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (December 2023)**

Sunday 10 December After 10.30am Mass	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & Youngsters' Tombola	Raffle draws will take place in the Parish Hall.
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS

DATE	TIME	PRIEST(S)
Tuesday December 19 th	10.15am – 11am (after Mass); 6.30pm-7pm	Visiting Priest
Wednesday December 20 th	6.30pm – 7pm (with Hour of Grace)	Fr Jude and a Visiting Priest
Friday December 22 nd	6.30pm – 7pm	2 Visiting Priests

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Sunday December 24 th	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday December 24 th	9.45pm	Christmas Carols
Sunday December 24 th	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 th	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
Christmas Day December 25 th	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day (Livestreamed)



Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.