

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We are invited to prepare joyfully for the coming of Christ. He comes in history (his conception and birth), in mystery (through the sacraments, and especially the Eucharist), and in majesty (at the Last Day). In the first weeks of Advent the stress is on this third coming in majesty. Hence today's gospel which we have already prayed with in recent days. The old liturgical year ended, and the new one has begun, with our calling to mind the Lord's final coming at the end of time. We look forward to it with happy anticipation, not with fear.

How do the three comings of Christ impinge on my life? Do I want to deepen my awareness of them as I move through Advent? How firm is my hope?

**Food Bank** With Christmas approaching the need for food is even greater. It would be marvellous if each person brought in one item each week during the run-up to Christmas. Please help those in need of food so that they too can enjoy the Festive Season. Urgently needed items: jam, cereal, tinned meat and long-life fruit juice.

**Coffee morning** Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 10:30am. Come along and join in the fun, everyone is welcome.

**Memorial Plaques** As you will know, there are plaques on the back of the chairs in church to remember friends and relatives who have died. As the chairs are now all taken up - we have obtained a Memorial Board which will be erected in the church. If you would like to have a plaque placed on the board please can you write the name of the deceased person/people on a note and hand it to Fr Simon. We would ask for a donation of £5 towards the cost of having the plaque engraved.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be no Baptism meetings until the first Friday of January 2019.

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“United in conviction and united  
in love, with a common purpose  
and a common mind”  
Philippians 2:2

### 2nd DECEMBER 2018 FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 1st December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Jeff Shaw RIP
Sunday 2nd December	9:30am 11:00am	Margaret Matthams RIP People of the Parish
Monday 3rd December	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 4th December		No service
Wednesday 5th December	Noon	Requiem Mass – Albert Quinn RIP
Thursday 6th December	9:30am	Mieczyslaw Otolá R.I.P
Friday 7th December	9:30am 7:30pm	Hugh Duffy RIP Belgian Beer Night
Saturday 8th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Harriet Mathews RIP
Sunday 9th December	9:30am 11:00am  Noon	People of the Parish Deceased members of the O'Donnell and Barrett family Pensioners meal
Monday 10th December	9:30am	Mrs Kathleen Harrison RIP

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mr & Mrs P J Murray

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH**

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

**SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

**Parish Christmas Afternoon** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at St Nicholas Catholic High School. We would like to invite parishioners to join us for an Afternoon Tea Christmas Celebration here at the School. The afternoon will last from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and will include refreshments and entertainment. We may be able to provide some transport if needed. In the first instance we can offer twelve spaces per parish. Please let Fr Simon know if you wish to attend so that they have an idea of the numbers. Tickets and further details shortly.

**Bingo Night** Last week’s Event raised a magnificent total of £1,023. This will go towards the costs of the Pensioners Dinner & Children’s Party - and electrical work that we are having done. Many, many thanks to those who helped to organise the event. Pat McQuillan and Ann Hayes would also like to thank everyone who helped them make the Bingo Night such a success, those who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets (sorry if you didn’t win) and especially to those who supported the Bingo on the night. There are 2 unclaimed raffle tickets, yellow ticket 976-980 and yellow ticket 471-475.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

**Prayer for our Parish:**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

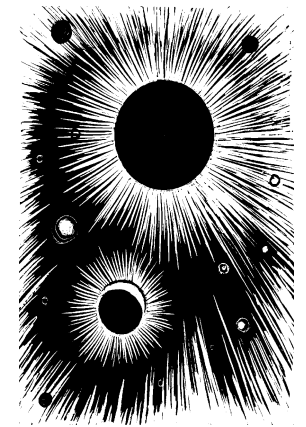
**Gospel Reading** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

It will seem like all hell has broken loose—sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking.



And then—then!—they’ll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way!

But be on your guard. Don’t let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it’s going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don’t go to sleep at the switch. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that’s coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man



**Children’s Christmas Party** Sunday 16th December after 11am Mass. Shared table, games and a special guest. We would like parents to stay around to help with their own children. Should finish about 14:00.

**Pensioner’s Meal 9th December - noon onwards** We are seeking volunteers to help with the Pensioners meal. If you can volunteer on the day please sign up using the form in the porch.

**Salt for the Winter** A supply of salt is available in the outer porch. Please use this to make safe the steps in front of the church entrance doors during icy weather.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi