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Mass Timetable for week beginning "Third Sunday of Advent"

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Saturday 16th December 2017	Advent FERIA	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish <i>11.00-12.00 Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm <i>7.00 pm Reconciliation</i>	Norah Moylett RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Confessions Polish Priest's Intentions Teresa Raleigh RIP Reconciliation Service
Sunday 17th December 2017	Third Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Brosnan Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Bill Molnar RIP
Monday 18th	Advent FERIA	9.00am	Katie & John Hyland RIP
Tuesday 19th	Advent FERIA	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Botner Family Living & Deceased Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 20th	Advent FERIA	12.00 noon	Roberto Barberini RIP
Thursday 21st	Advent FERIA	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish <i>10.00 am Confessions</i>	Peter & Isabella Reilly RIP Polish Priest's Intentions <i>Confessions</i>
Friday 22nd	Advent FERIA	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Peter Nguyen Ngoc Hoi RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 23rd December 2017	Advent FERIA	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish <i>11.00-12.00 Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Moylett Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Confessions Polish Priest's Intentions Mark Proudlove RIP
Sunday 24th December 2017	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm 10.00 pm 12.00 midnight Polish	Ron & Kathleen Stapleton RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Welfare of Ann Marie Hill Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 25th December 2017	The Nativity of The Lord	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish No evening Mass	Rosemary Hornsby RIP Polish Priest's Intentions -
Adoration	Wednesday: 11.00 am to 12.00 noon; Saturday 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm		

Please pray for: all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for all those who are sick and house-bound; for all those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time; that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

Scunthorpe General Hospital

For the ministration of a Catholic priest please contact Fr Neil Peoples or Fr Emmanuel Abbem on (01724) 842197

This Week

Mass changes for Christmas

Doctors have advised Fr Ben to have a few weeks rest, which now means that Fr Emmanuel will be covering the Masses in Brigg for Christmas. This means that the Christmas Eve Vigil in St Norbert's will now be a Service of Word and Communion, led by Deacon Bernard and the midnight Mass has been cancelled. We apologise for these last minute changes but this is the best that we can offer at short notice.

Sunday Obligation and Christmas Day

With regard to Masses of Obligation this Christmas season, Sunday 24th December (the 4th Sunday of Advent) and Monday, 25th December (Christmas Day), are two major Solemnities that merit two distinct obligations to attend Mass. So, Mass on Christmas Eve *does not* cover both obligations.

This Weekend

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses for the poor and needy parishes of the Diocese.

First Holy Communion Course

Will candidates please hand in Sheet 3 and collect Sheet 4 this weekend. Sheet 5 will be available on 7 January 2018.

Gifts for the Forge

We are collecting items that can be wrapped and given as Christmas presents to those who will be having their Christmas lunch at The Forge. Suitable items include: toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves, chocolates. Please bring to the Sacristy as soon as possible.

RCIA

The next session is on Tuesday 19th in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm; people are still welcome to come and join in. Further sessions will resume in the New Year.

Boiler

Apologies for the heating problems during the week; contrary to popular belief it wasn't Fr Neil trying to cut costs!!! We have been experiencing issues with the boiler which have now - hopefully - been resolved.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

The song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost. The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Saviour.
The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation,

Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].
The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.
The twelve drummers drumming symbolised the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

MacMillan Coffee Evening

Thanks to everyone who helped, sponsored and donated towards the MacMillan Christmas Coffee Evening. The total raised was £327.00.

Maintenance/Hall Caretaker

Fr Neil thinks it would be good to have a maintenance person to keep an eye on small jobs and keep the Hall and Church areas tidy and safe. This would be just for a few hours a week. If you would be interested in this role, please contact him for more details.

Christmas Collection

As Fr Neil and Fr Emmanuel are currently on the Salary option, the collection at Christmas will go to the Parish rather than the Priests.

Sunday Morning Mass – Time Change

Reluctantly I feel it will be necessary to make a slight change to the time of Mass on Sunday morning. So from Sunday 7th January 2018 Mass will take place at 9.00 am rather than 9.30 am. This change will give more time for the priest to speak with people after Mass and make it less of a rush to Crowle, especially when myself or Fr Emmanuel are away. I hope this change of Mass time doesn't cause too many problems for people and that you understand my reasons for doing so.

Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'I encourage all of you to live the joy of your mission by witnessing to the Gospel wherever you are called to live and work.'