

Holy Souls' Catholic Church

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Mass Timetable for week beginning "The Nativity of The Lord"

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Saturday 24th December 2016	Christmas Eve	7.00 pm Carols 7.30 pm 9.30 pm 10.00 pm 12.00 midnight Polish	Carols People of the Parish Carols People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Sunday 25th December 2016	The Nativity of The Lord	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish No 6.30 pm Mass	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 26th	St Stephen	10.00 am 11.00 am Polish	Intentions of Deacon Bernard & Altar Servers Polish Priest's Intentions
Tuesday 27th	St John	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Patrick Cooney & Deceased Relatives Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 28th	The Holy Innocents	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Intentions of Fr Peter Burke Polish Priest's Intentions
Thursday 29th	St Thomas of Canterbury	No 9.00 am Mass 9.30 am Polish	Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday 30th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	No 9.00 am Mass 9.30 am Polish	Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 31st December 2016	Seventh Day within the Octave of The Nativity of The Lord	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Polish Priest's Intentions Peter Tran Van Wink RIP McIntrye Family Deceased
Sunday 1st January 2017	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Downey Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 am to 12.00 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm		
Adoration	None on Wednesday; Saturday 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm		

Please pray for: Michael Kenny who died recently, may he rest in peace; migrants and refugees; newborn children; the sick and housebound of the parish and for all those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

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Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week'

'Our joy comes from the confidence we have that the Lord is close to us with his tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and love.'

This Week

<u>First Communion Worksheets</u>. If you haven't already done so, please return Worksheet 3 and collect Sheet 4 this weekend. Sheet 4 is to be completed over the Christmas holidays and Sheet 5 will be distributed on the weekend of 14th/15th January 2017. Class for children not at St Augustine Webster School resumes on Wednesday 18th January between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm and will continue on Wednesday evenings during school time unless otherwise announced.

Thanks to Brenda Goulding who has raised £110 for church funds during 2016 from the sale of home made cards. Thanks also to everyone who supported her.

<u>New Year</u>. Next weekend Masses will be at the usual weekend times and there will not be a Midnight Mass to see in the New Year. However the Church will be open from 11.30 pm if parishioners would like to see the New Year in in prayer.

Canon's Ramblings

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and a Peaceful Christmas. It is a particular pleasure to welcome many visitors and occasional worshippers this weekend. It is good that you are able to be with us whether you have travelled a large distance or whether you live locally. Please be assured that you are always welcome to join us throughout the year. I would also like to extend a Christmas greeting to those who read our Reminder on-line, especially those who are housebound, please remember our Parish and its sharing in the mission of the Church in your prayers. Christmas is a time to recognise and say 'thank you' to all those who contribute to the life of our Parish in so many different ways. Some contributions are very visible, others are less so, but all are equally valuable and do so much to build us up as a lively community that bears witness to our faith in Jesus Christ in everything that we do. Finally, but also importantly, I would like to thank you all for the patience, kindness, and support that you give to me.

With every good wish and Christmas Blessing, Fr Eddy

Christmas Cards

If you leave a Christmas card for someone at the back of Church please let them know so that they can collect it. Last year a number of cards had to be sent for recycling as they still hadn't been collected well into the New Year.

Crib Offerings

This year will go the Embrace, the charity which produces our carol sheets and which is involved in various projects supporting Christian communities throughout the Middle East.

Stich and Chat

resumes on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Baptism Preparation Evening

The next baptism preparation evening will be on Thursday 26th January at 7.00 pm.

Thank you

Fr Eddy and Deacon Bernard would like to thank parishioners for their many cards, gifts, and Christmas offerings. We wish you a Happy and a Peaceful New Year 2017.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

According to Summon's Christian Miscellany this catechetical hymn was written in England in the 16th century as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics (and not so young) to learn the tenets of their faith.

The Meaning: "My true love" is God, the giver of all gifts, who in the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas gives us the One who bears all the other gifts showered on humanity. The "me" is every baptised Christian who is showered with gifts in order to sing the song and proclaim the Generosity of God.

First Day: The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus and the pear tree may be a reference to the Cross.

Second Day: Two turtle doves = the Old and New Testaments

Third Day: Three French hens = faith, hope, and love, the theological virtues
Fourth day: Four Calling Birds = Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

Fifth day: Five Gold Rings = the Pentateuch, the Torah, Sixth day: Six geese a-laying = the six days of creation

Seventh Day: Seven swans a-swimming = seven gifts of the Holy Spirit/seven sacraments

Eight day: Eight maid a-milking = the Eight Beatitudes

Ninth Day: Nine ladies dancing = the Fruits of the Holy Spirit
Tenth Day: Ten Lords-a-leaping = the Ten commandments

Eleventh day: Eleven pipers piping = the eleven faithful disciples who piped the gospel of God

to the world.

Twelfth Day: Twelve drummers drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed