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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS - YEAR OF MARK

SATURDAY 2ND	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Teresa Kelly
SUNDAY 3RD	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Mick & Nelly Coyne Mick Bond John & Thomas Seorey & Kathleen Horgan
MONDAY 4TH CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patricia Coyne
TUESDAY 5TH CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Alex Taylor (Birthday)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WEDNESDAY 6TH	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Joseph Naughton Tony Fagan Bridget Mary Savage
THURSDAY 7TH CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	K.O.B.
FRIDAY 8TH CHRISTMAS FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass Mass in EF	Maria Sargent Paddy Conway
SATURDAY 9TH CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Philomena

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 9TH	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Tom Quinn
SUNDAY 10TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth Wells Richardson & Rebecca Lines Wells Richardson Lina & Shay Gannon Kathleen Watson

PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartandHolySoulsAcocksGreen

Dear Parishioners,

A very happy New Year! We continue to rejoice in the splendour of the Christmas Season despite the difficulties and challenges of our times. We hope and pray that in the months ahead life begins to return to some form of normality.

Despite being in Tier 4 we are delighted that public worship can still continue safely. At last the Government have appreciated that our worship together can be undertaken safely and is also essential for the lives and spiritual well-being of many people. Please can you spread the word that the church is open for Mass. Lots of people are unsure with all the different restrictions.

At the beginning of the year I wish to echo my thanks to so many of you who support the parish with their time and energy. So much service and dedication has been given in many different ways over the past year. I am very grateful for all of your support. What you do makes a huge difference to us all and builds up the life of the parish.

Christmas has been different this year, but it has been good to safely welcome so many people to the different Masses during these festive days. I am grateful to our stewards and cleaners for all that they do.

On behalf of Fr Alex and myself, we wish to thank you for the cards, gifts and generous Christmas offerings that you have given to us. We are truly grateful for your care and support of us.

With our prayers and kindest wishes for the coming year

Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex

Welcome - To Steven Fleming a 5th year student for the priesthood at Oscott College. He is undertaking a pastoral placement in the parish over the next two weeks. We hope and pray his time here will be rewarding and supportive of his formation for the priesthood.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - This great feast is celebrated on Wednesday. It would normally be a holy day of obligation. Masses are celebrated at 10am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm. Chalk will be blessed at the end of the Masses and you will be able to take it away with a copy of the Epiphany blessing for the front door of your houses.

The Christmas Raffle - Thank you to everybody who took part in the raffle and those who donated some wonderful prizes for the hampers and beyond. It was a great effort and we raised £1200. A list of prize winners can be found in the in the porch and on the web-site

The Parish Tote - The winning numbers this week were **4, 12, 18, 23**. One person had three numbers, Josie Fitzpatrick and receives £180. No Jackpot winner so the **Jackpot this week is £1800 and will be drawn on Thursday 7th January. Please make sure that you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it.** Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the designated collection boxes which are located on departure from the church.

Offerings at the Crib - this year we have decided to give our crib offerings to Fr Hudson's Society. During the Pandemic many of the projects they run have supported some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Our offerings will be a gesture of our support for the work of Fr Hudson's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - This resumes again on Friday mornings at 9.30am and on Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form - Fr Tomas will celebrate this Mass on Friday evening at 7.00pm.

Finance - I am very grateful to so many of you for continuing to provide your weekly offerings and all those who are supporting by standing order and gift aid. These are such difficult times for so many people. Thank you to so many of you who are making up your

contributions over the weeks of lockdown. The income you provide continues to help us offer as much as we can for the parish and keep our building and resources running.

Cedric Farrell RIP - Funeral Mass Monday 25th January at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

No Need to Book - For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day people were asked to book their places for Christmas Mass. There is NO NEED to book a place for a normal Sunday or week day Mass. There has been a bit of confusion over this. You can simply come to the Mass of your choice and there should be a seat for you.

Calendars from the Columbans - There are some calendars available with the compliments of the Columban Missionaries. Please ask a steward if you would like one.

A Prayer before the Crib

Loving Saviour, at your birth a new light shone upon our world. Choirs of angels sang God's praises to herald your coming.

You welcomed as your first guests lowly shepherds whose hearts adored your presence and whose lives were changed for ever.

Wise men travelled to find you filled with delight at the sight of the star that would lead to you.

Lord, we come before you in adoration. We ask you to enlighten our lives with your presence this year. Bless our families and protect our world in these challenging times.

May we encounter you anew O Child in the Manger and, like the shepherds glorify and praise you with our lives for all we have seen and have come know. You who are Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

And finally... As we begin the New Year we recognise that there are challenges ahead of us as we await vaccinations, our schools working in difficult circumstances and parish life operating on a limited scale. Please God, as the weeks and months unfold, life will return to greater normality. Birthday blessing today to Fr Tomas and on Wednesday to Fr Alex. He also shares his birthday with Toby who was with us for many months of the lockdown. We ask the Lord to bless the three of them at this time. I look forward to celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with you on Wednesday. May the coming week fill you with peace as we continue to rejoice in Emmanuel, God with us.

Fr Jonathan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Cedric Farrell, Tony Fagan, John Cartwright.

Anniversaries of Death: Francis Connolly, Roy Wheeler, Collette Cartwright, Margaret Oakes, Stanley Hurst, Thomas Teall, Eileen Murphy, Paul Jarvis, Patrick Mulvihill, Bernard Kiely, Maureen Morris, Helen O'Neill, Sheila Hipkiss, Christopher Shiel, Patrick McGann, Helen Nash, Alfred Weston, Timothy Hanly, Thomas O'Brien and Margaret Brown. Molly Brennan, Jack Butler, Ellen Hall, Patrick White, John O'Connell, Patrick McGuinness, Edith Thomas, Patrick Carr, Anne Moriarty, Elsie Birch, Joyce Milton, Mick Bond/Lem Hold, Sean McGrath, Stuart Craven, John Rainey, John Hogan, Thomas Ward, Mary McGrath, Peter Mitchell Julie Furlong and Gwynn Malkin, Edna Friel, Lily Holdsworth, Bridget Savage, Kathleen Clarke, Cameron Dunne.

Sick & Housebound: Myra Hill, Maureen Lambert, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Kathleen Watson, Ann Farrell, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.