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Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st January 2018.
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time/Year B

Mass and Service Times

Sat 20th 6.00 pm Irene Bennett
Sun 21st 11.00 am PARISHIONERS

Mon 22nd 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

St Vincent, 3rd Century Deacon, Martyr
Tue 23rd 9.00 am Maria Rozanna Andronicou

St Francis de Sales, 16th Century Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wed 24th 9.00 am **NO MASS**
2.30 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, at Convent

Conversion of St Paul, 1st Century Missionary & Martyr
Thur 25th 9.00 am No morning Mass
Thur 25th 11.30am FUNERAL: MAURICE BUTLER
Thur 25th 7.30 pm Elaine Burns

St Timothy & St Titus, 1st Century Bishops, co-workers of St Paul
Fri 26th 9.00 am Marie Murphy
Fri 26th 11.30 am **FUNERAL: MARGARET HUGHES**

St Angela Merici, Virgin, Founder of the Ursulines; 16th Century.
Sat 27th 9.00 am No morning Mass

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time/ Year B
Sat 27th 6.00 pm PARISHIONERS
Sun 28th 11.00 am McKenna Family

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Thursday 18th January, until Thursday 25th January marks the annual:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We pray that our public witness to our shared faith, in practical, Christian-actions in daily life, will move us closer to Jesus and towards that unity for which He prayed.

When Mass intentions are received by the Parish, the names will be put on the Newsletter the following week so that prayers can be said by everyone for those people and then Masses will be offered by a priest in the order that they are handed in & appear in the parish Mass book. When people's anniversaries, or birthday remembrances fall in a given week, their names will also now be listed on the newsletter for that week.

At some point in the future, the individual's name will also now be printed on the newsletter for a particular Mass, to show that the Priest is fulfilling his obligation to offer in his own prayers that named person during a particular Mass.

We cannot guarantee that any specific Mass intention will be possible at a particular Mass, on a particular day, but their name will now appear on the parish newsletter up to three times – the week it was handed in, the week of the actual anniversary/birthday and the day the Mass intention is being offered by the priest at Mass. Every Sunday and Holy Days the Parish Priest must also offer one of the Masses for all of his parishioners.

Every Mass is always celebrated for everyone. No-one is forgotten by God, on any day, whether their name is on the newsletter or not and each of us may also be praying for someone else at the same Mass we all attend.

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Anniversary intentions requested at this time:

Birthday Remembrances intentions requested at this time:

Irene Bennett

Mass intentions received this week: Teresa Oates, Frances Owen, John Ward, Valerie Halon, Sheila Jones, Margaret Buller, George O'Brien, Spreadbury Family, Maurice Butler;
All our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead. The empty place at the table; a candle light and prayer before our meals; the separated and divorced; the hungry and the homeless.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially:

**Maurice Butler, Margaret Hughes, Maria Moran, Eileen Yong
their families and friends;**

-and all those who are bereaved, or sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed.

FINANCES

Cathos Collection £313.64 Church Repairs £14.36

SAB £ 34.00

Thank you.

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**Holy Hour of Blessed Sacrament @ Convent THIS Wednesday,
2.30pm, 8 Cherryfield Drive. All Welcome.**
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Next Weekend

1st Libbie Ely Kay O'Meara
2nd Paula Hines Barbara Lye
Int Sean O'Connor Teresa Taylor

HL Jane Hines Sr Eva
CL Gerard Riley Margaret Byrne
CL A McGuinness Alex Fleming

HR Tony Bennett Stan Cruces
CR Claire Tyrrell Ann Conning
CR Ray Hines Ellen Richards

..... **Year 4 children and their families: - Special Invitation**

Our parish community will be giving extra support to our Catholic children in Year 4 and their families, so that together we will all deepen our faith and understanding about the Church in the coming months. This will focus on the gift of God's forgiveness in Reconciliation/Confession and on God's gift of Jesus in Holy Communion- His Body & Blood seen at the altar, in the Tabernacle and at Holy Communion time during Mass. As part of family-preparation for receiving these gifts for the first time ALL Year 4 families, living in the parish, are especially invited to attend WEEKLY Saturday night/Sunday Masses, every week: at the start of a New Year Masses and prayers prepare us all for the year ahead and beyond. Families NEED to be coming regularly to Mass if they are to be ready to receive the gifts, for the first time, so as to then LIVE-the-faith more fully in daily life. If they are not ready in 2018, they will celebrate later in their Year 5, during 2019.

The next special invite and special focus on Yr 4 families will be at either of the parish Masses on the weekend 27th /28th January, which will be the official Masses of Yr 4 Welcome and Enrolment.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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So far, we seem to have missed the worst of the wintry weather that has recently been affecting Ireland, the UK and some other Northern countries of Europe. Coming out to Mass on a cold, wet evening or morning may not be very attractive, compared with staying in the dry and warmth of our flat, or house. Sometimes some of us may not be well enough to leave our home and no-one needs to worry if they cannot attend Mass because of sickness.

If we are well and able to get to Mass, it is still to be an important part of our weekly pattern of life. We give this special time to meet up, as a Parish Family; firstly, to receive gifts from God, in Word and Sacrament and then, also to share the gift of life with those we see and share our faith with. We can do this at home, at school and at work, but we need to do this in Church too, to gain the benefit of this extra help of God, to LIVE-out our faith in our normal everyday settings. THANK YOU for coming if you can.

FR SEAN

ADVANCE NOTICE

**Parish Social: Come and join us at
St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre.
on Monday 12th February**

**Hot Food, Live Entertainment and Tombola
Tickets £5. Doors open from 1 pm.**