

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 December 2017: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Terry Walsh
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	John O'Malley RIP
5.30pm	O.F.S.
Monday 18 December	Friars & Benefactors;
7.30am	Ciara Ryan RIP
Tuesday 19 December	
7.30am	Richard Pinniger
Wednesday 20 December	
7.30am	Kieran Hughes
Thursday 21 December	
7.30am	In thanksgiving
Friday 22 December	
7.30am	Tom & Charlette Flanagan RIP
Saturday 23 December	
8.00am	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

John Bradley, Thomas Collings, Francis Cyran, Maud Bint, Margaret Bedwin, Persis Harvey, Raul Casares, Daniel Moore, John Dunworth, Isabel Parmiter, Patrick Browne & Helena Banham.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Christmas Flowers for the church

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£294.38	+ Gift-aided	£67.00
<i>Poor Parishes Fund</i>	£104.11	+ Gift-aided	£25.10

Second Collection next week: Christmas Offering for the Friars

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What do you Want for Christmas?

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The child in each of us still wants stuff like toys and new clothes. But deep inside us we have more basic needs. We need security, fairness and love. We want something huge for Christmas. We want peace on earth and justice for the oppressed. We want poverty eliminated and wars to cease.

Isaiah promises we will not be disappointed. He promises that God will do such wondrous things that justice and praise shall spring up in every nation. When God is our joy, we feel as rich as royalty, no matter how poor our state.

What does the earth want for Christmas? It wants good news for the poor, healing for the broken-hearted, liberty for captives and release for prisoners. The earth wants what God alone can provide.

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1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Response: **My soul rejoices in my God.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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