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**Parish Newsletter: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Date	Time	Venue	Mass	Intention
Sat 22	6.00pm	Downend	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Catherine Ann Wider RIP
Sun 23	9.30am	Downend		Margery Grantham RIP
Mon 24	6.00pm	Downend	<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve</b>	People of the Parish
Mon 24	9.00pm	Downend	<b>Carol Service followed by 'Early Midnight' Mass</b>	Pat Doyle RIP
Tue 25	10.30am	Downend	<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b>	Patrick Aspel RIP
Wed 26	9.30am	<b>Downend</b>	Feast of St Stephen	Mass for our Altar Servers
Thur 27	9.30am	Downend	Feast of St John	Intentions of the O'Malley Family
Fri 28	7.00pm	Downend	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 28	7.30pm	Downend	Feast of the Holy Innocents	Stuart Lockyer RIP
Sat 29	6.00pm	Downend	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Kevin Greening RIP
Sun 30	9.30am	Downend		John & Lu Webster RIP
CONFESSIONS			Usual times ~ Fri 7.00-7.20pm during Adoration & Sat 5.00-5.30pm	
ROSARY			Usual times ~ Tues 7.00pm and Thurs after morning Mass	

<b>LAST WEEKEND'S:</b> (1) MASS ATTENDANCE Sat Evening:89 Sun Morning:199	<b>MONTHLY:</b> (1) STANDING ORDER (S/O) DONATIONS for November: £2,773.00
(2) LOOSE COLLECTION & OFFERTORY ENVELOPE DONATIONS TOTAL: £502.06	(2) GIFT AID RECEIVED BACK ON S/O for May:£627 June:£614 July:£739 Aug:£658 Sept:£632
SECOND COLLECTIONS: ...no 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections until the New year.	(3) NARTHEX COLLECTION BOX for November Holy Souls £7.50 SVP £13.40 Soup Run £46.37

*Many thanks for your continued generosity for all our collections*

**PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Patricia Kinsley, Catherine O'Neil, Roger Sellers, Ken Davis (Myra Wood's brother), all who have died recently & for Eileen Murphy, Frances Britton, Doreen May, Robert McEnroe, Dorothy Barnett, Audrey Bryant, Vincent Massey, Louise Pickford, Pat Doyle, Mary Collins, Josephine Clayton, Gladys Cooke, Lucy Lynch, Mary Wiltshire, Mary Brown, Andrew Sherborne, Walter MacFarlane, Charles McKean, Kevin Greening & Stuart Lockyer whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Rebecca Brookbank, Sheila Davis (Myra Wood's sister in law), Rosie Judd, Joline Hinchey, Barry Hyder, Mary Bird, Alan Pound, Carol Foggin, Sarah Louise Munday and Cliff Batchelor, Mary Martin, Jim Davis & Laurence and Nona Webber  
\* We invite you to include your own name on the list for prayers for the sick. Please notify the office if you wish your name to be kept on the list after approx. 6 months or to have your name removed at any time\*

OUR HYMN BOOKS HAVE THE 'ORDER OF MASS' AT THE FRONT FOR YOU TO FOLLOW.

## NOTICES:

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Sofia Elena Bown who is to be baptised next weekend.

**SOUP RUN:** If you can help to make more soup please store it in a plastic milk container - leave space for expansion when frozen - label it with type of soup & date made-Contact Maeve on 9560317 to arrange to drop it off. Thank you. \*PLEASE be aware that the soup run CANNOT use **duvets/pillows** & they keep being left at the back of Church. Please do not leave them as we have to go to the trouble of disposing of them all. Thank you\*

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** A huge thank you to EVERYONE who helped or came along to support our Christmas Bazaar! The profit was £2,418! Full details in the Narthex.

**CHURCH SHOP:** Don't forget to visit our shop for all your Christmas cards & gifts etc

**COMMUNITY CAROLS EVENT:** A huge thank you to everyone who was involved with the Parish Council's community carol singing on 14<sup>th</sup>. To the team of parishioners who organised the food & drinks, to the school children for singing so beautifully, to the M.C. Mike Ryan & to our 'Young Spirits' group who performed on the night. The feedback has been fantastic! The Parish Council have sent us messages of thanks for our hospitality and help. Thank you to all who came along & helped to show how welcoming & friendly our Parish is. What a lovely event to have been part of! AND, as an amazing added bonus, £844.01 was donated which will go to the Soup Run!

**THANK YOU:** from the Davis Family for your prayers for Jim during his recent operation. He is now home & getting stronger each day. Praise the Lord for His goodness.

**APF:** Please could all holders of red mission boxes, who do not have them emptied by a promoter, return them to Peter Mason, or leave in the sacristy. Thanks for your support.

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Each time you spend money, you are making a vote for the future you want to see. At this Advent time, let us be especially mindful of the poor and the whole of creation. It is hard to do right, but we need to educate ourselves, and encourage one another. Let us become a 'Live Simply' parish in the New Year.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**NOT SO YOUNG CLUB** Christmas Meal will now be on **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 1pm in the Hall.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REVIEW MEETING:** You are all invited to come along for a cuppa, to share feedback from the Bazaar - both its successes & learning points - & to set a date for the next one! Come to the Parish Hall on **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 7.30pm.

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## A Christmas Message from Fr Frank:

During the past year many great events have taken place in our Parish culminating in us hosting the local council's first, ecumenical, Carol Service which took place last week in our car park! Like any Parish, the population is continually changing but we continue to have a very vibrant community here. I wish to thank all the people who did so much for our community during the past 12 months especially during the difficult time of losing our dear Deacon Peter who was an inspiration to us all. May he rest in Peace.

As we approach the season of goodwill my prayer for all of us is that this community will continue to thrive during the forthcoming year. While the Priests are in charge of the parish, nothing can happen without the goodwill of the laity.

We congratulate you all on helping us to have such a wonderful year and on behalf of Fr Jim, myself and the Deacons I wish you all God's blessings.