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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

Sunday 13th December 2015

GAUDETE SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	12th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	Confessions (Fr. David Mead)
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Oliver, Eleanor & Lorraine Brannigan RIP)</i>
Sunday	13th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Rosemary Vinton RIP - Month Mind)</i>
Tuesday	15th Dec.		No Mass
Wednesday	16th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(Anthony Blackwell RIP)</i>
Thursday	17th Dec.	12.05 p.m.	<i>(Michael Kelly RIP)</i>
Friday	18th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(George Mayhew RIP)</i>
Saturday	19th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	Confessions (Fr. Robbie Low)
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Iris & Leslie Hyde RIP)</i>
Sunday	20th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(Arthur Pallett RIP)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

EXPOSITION

Wednesday after Mass until noon

ROSARY

Friday 10.00 a.m.

ORDINARIATE MASSES

Sunday 5.30 p.m. & Wednesday 7.00 p.m.



POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelisation: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th Dec - Oliver, Eleanor & Lorraine Brannigan RIP (Lyn Whittington's intention). Sun 13th Dec, 10.30am - Rosemary Vinton RIP (Month Mind Mass). Wed 16th Dec - Anthony Blackwell RIP (Beryl Blackwell's intention). Thurs 17th Dec - Michael Kelly RIP (Mollie Cundy's intention). Fri 18th Dec - George Mayhew RIP (Jacqui Milford's intention). Sat 19th Dec - Iris & Leslie Hyde RIP (Gloria Hocking's intention). Sun 20th Dec, 8.30am - Arthur Pallett RIP (Pauline Pallett's intention).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there will be no Mass at 7.00pm this coming **Tuesday 15th December** as Mount Charles School is holding its carol services during the afternoon and evening of that day.

FR. PETER'S ADVENT LETTER

Some of Fr. Peter's Advent letters still need to be distributed. We would be very grateful if you would take time to look for any envelopes in your area and deliver them if you are able. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - VISITING CONFESSORS

During Advent we prepare to re-affirm our welcome to God in our lives as we celebrate the birth of His Son. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us an opportunity to repair our relationship with Christ and his Church.

Fr. Robbie Low will be available to hear confessions on the morning of **Saturday 19th December from 10.00am until 11.00am.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS

If you wish to and have not already done so I would be grateful if you would sign the list on the notice board this weekend if you are available at Masses over the Christmas period and the weekend following. Thank you, *Rosemary.*

CORNWALL CATHOLIC CHOIR CONCERT

The Cornwall Catholic Choir are giving a concert of Cornish Carols, with readings and some audience participation, this coming **Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm** at St. Petroc's Church Bodmin. This is part of St. Petroc's Annual Christmas Tree Festival. If you are able to come to the concert, the choir would greatly welcome your support.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

During all Masses next weekend, *4th Sunday of Advent*, there will be an opportunity for expectant mothers to receive a blessing. If you would like to avail yourself of this blessing please make yourself known to Fr. Peter or Deacon John before Mass next weekend.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offerings go direct to the Parish Priest. If you pay tax or give by standing order and would like to gift aid your offering (£10 or over), please place your donation in one of the bright blue 'Gift Aid' envelopes available in the Narthex. Those of you who regularly use envelopes can use the Christmas Offering envelope included in the pack you use for your weekly donation. Thank you.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Advent Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex until Christmas. It's the one time in the year that we seek donations to support our local homelessness charity, St. Petroc's and the Devon and Cornwall Refugee Centre in Plymouth. If you are able to help, please take a card or an envelope (for the charity of your choice) from the tree and bring it back with your gift the following week. Cash goes into the wooden box; gifts go into the box at the foot of the tree. The Giving Tree will be taken down after the 10.30am Mass on *Sunday 20th December* so that they can be distributed before Christmas. Thank you.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thank you to all who gave to last weekend's appeal for 'Aid to the Church in Need' an international charity that helps persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world. Thanks to your generosity £272.40 was raised to support this vital work.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2016

The 2016 issue of the Diocesan Year book is now available in the Narthex, price £3.60. Please place your money in the wall box in the Porch. Thank you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Catalogues for CAFOD 'World Gifts' are available in the Porch. For those wishing to give a gift through the 'Cornish Christmas Giving' there is a catalogue saved on the office computer. If you let Sarah have your email address she will forward it on to you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST. AUSTELL - The Big Christmas Sing

We are warmly invited to join with Christians from all traditions in celebrating the birth of our Lord, singing carols together on *Saturday 19th December at 12.00 noon* in White River Place (outside the Eden Cafe).

LAUDATO SI PETITION

The 180 signatures from this parish have been added to 40,000 collected nationally & delivered to the Prime Minister & they will also be part of an international appeal presented to all world leaders at the global climate change talks in Paris. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT BANNERS

This year the sewing group finished the last of the 7 Advent banners for the church. These are based on the 7 "O Antiphons" or "Great Antiphons". These ancient texts, which use various titles for Our Lord, are said before and after the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days leading up to Christmas. The banners will be blessed at the end of Mass on Saturday evening. Many thanks to the sewing group for all their work.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers those in the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: *Pauline Abdey, Joy & Fred Abraham, Sheila Alleyn, Sylvia Austin, Marcella Beer, Maura Bennett, James & Margaret Clapp, Mary Coupe, Milena Danielli, Trevona Delany, Mary Dineen, Sue Dugmore, Mark Eustice, Helen Gibson, Teresita Hill, Joan Insley, John Jones, Cynthia Longthorp, Carmen Matthews, Sarah McGivern, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, Ian Parkinson, Valerie Parkinson, June Parsons, Pamela Platt, Connie Pope, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Tony Shortall, Jenny Stears, Amanda Stickney, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

COLLECTIONS - Thank you

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £333 per week. Cheques should be made payable to: PRC DTR St. Austell Parish.

Parish Collection: £563.15; Candles: £20.11; Flowers: £3.54; Coffee: £11.80; CAFOD Jar: £4.67; Parish Breakfast: £10.21; Aid to Church in Need: £272.40; APF: £12.59; Holy Souls: £22.00.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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*"You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts
are restless until they rest in you."*

(St Augustine of Hippo)

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