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All Saints

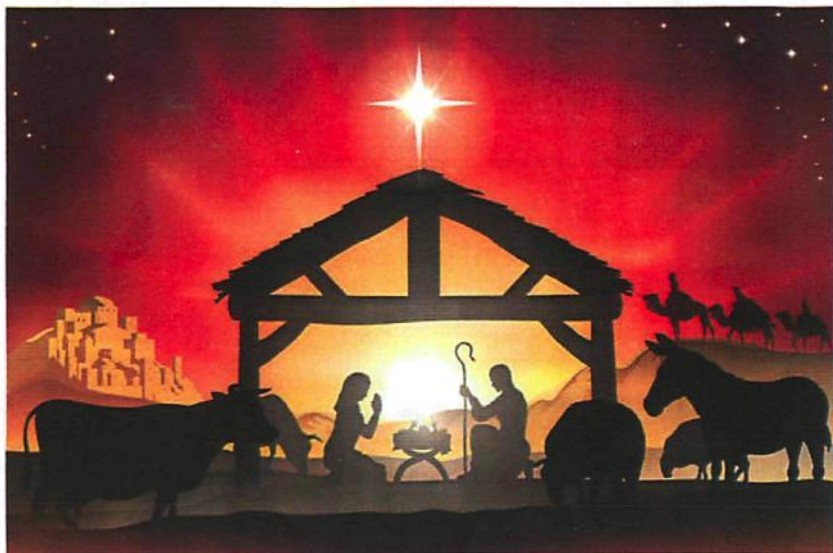
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Newsletter 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading	Micah	5:1-4
Psalm	Psalm	79:2-3,15-16,18-19.R.v4
Second Reading	Hebrews	10:5-10
Gospel	Luke	1:39-44

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REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear how Mary hurried to her cousin's house--a long trip, on foot, over dirt, sand, and rocks, under the hot sun. She does not have to be pampered in order to bring forth the Holy One. She doesn't spend a second worrying whether the way is too hard. Her soul somehow knows about the soft light that will shine forth when she gives birth. Everything else takes second place.

Here we are presented with the humility of Mary, and her unborn Son. It is they who go to visit-not they who are visited. Even before he is born, Jesus already comes to serve, and not to be served. It is through service we will recognise him as Lord. He will be like us in every respect, except in his freedom from sinfulness.

As we prepare to enjoy the Christmas season, let us not forget what it is really about--the coming of God among us to show the greatest love that can be shown--the laying down of his life for his friends. We celebrate his birth because of the triumphant victory of his death. We are about to celebrate Christmas, and the most important preparation of all, is to say Yes to the Father, Yes to Jesus, Yes to the New Year, Yes to every call God makes of us in the coming year. Contemplating the experiences of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we learn from them how to say an unqualified Yes to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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Psalm:

God of hosts, bring us back;
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon :

Behold , a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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Next Week s Readings:

First Reading	Samuel	1:20-22.24-28
Psalm	Psalm	83:2-3.5-6-10.R.v5
Second Reading	St John	3:1-2.21-24
Gospel	Luke	2:41-52

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CAROL SERVICE

We invite you all this afternoon Sunday to our Carol Service at 3pm. We hope to see a lot of families here and have as many children as possible to sing "Away in a Manger" for us. So please remember to come and join us this afternoon. We welcome as always, all from the three parishes.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the team who worked so hard in planning and organising this Mini Fair. Thank you to all who supported this. We raised a fantastic amount of £1200. Thank you once again to you all.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next week there will be some extra hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A chance for us all to make things even better as we celebrate Christmas.

All Saints Monday - 11am -12pm
 Monday - 7pm – 8pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
 Tuesday after 7.30pm Mass – until needed

All Saints Wednesday 11am – 12.00pm

There will be no confessions on St Stephens Day 26th December

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING FROM TRAIDCRAFT

We have silk scarves, colourful socks and lots of stocking fillers. Christmas food available includes biscuits, chocolates, dates, and chutney. Thanks to our generous customers five Christmas cakes and five boxes of chocolate biscuits have gone to the food bank. Thank you for your support and 'Showing You Care'.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Our theatre trip to the Sound of Music is getting near, Wednesday 30th December 2015, so here is a reminder of the details. We will all need to meet at All Saints car park at 1.00pm to ensure we get to The Lowry in good time. The coach will leave after the show around 4.45 – 5.00pm. Hope you are all looking forward to it.

CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

Please can we remind you that the collection at the Christmas Masses goes towards of Fr Neds salary throughout the year. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.



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4th Sunday of Advent						
Sat 19th	5.30pm	James Law				
Sun 20th			9.30am	Joseph & Dorothy Hannah	11.00am	Michael Fahey (int).
Sun 20th			5.00pm	Cyril Farrell		
Mon 21st	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 22nd	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service	7:30pm	Maureen Moylan
Wed 23rd	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Mike & Margaret Salkeld	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Marie Eckersley	6.30pm	Kathleen McGrath	8.30pm	(Carols 7.45pm - 8.15pm) Charlie Chapman
Christmas Day			9.30am	Anne & Tom	11.00am	P&M&B
Holy Family						
St Stephens Day	5.30pm	Joan Andrews				
Sun 27th			9.30am	Arthur Upton	11.00am	Veronica Mahon
Sun 27th			5.00pm	Anne O Connor		