

LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Response to the Psalm: Come, Lord, and save us.

Second reading: James 5:7-10

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!

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Church Rotas

Masses	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5.00 pm Sat 10 th Dec.	Mary Flynn & Helen Woodhouse	Anna Charles
10.30am Sun 11 th Dec.	Pauline Burton	Tony Pearce & Tracy Volante
5.00 pm Sat 17 th Dec.	Bud Sollis & Alan Clatworthy	Kathleen Cotterell & Pat Smith
10.30am Sun 18 th Dec.	Gemma Holdsworth	Judith Baylis & Angela Banyard

Coffee Rota

11 th December	Pat & Tony Pearce
18 th December	Lin Rea

Children's Liturgy Rota

11 th December	Adriana and Vicky
18 th December	Christmas Holidays

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Parish Deacon: Rev. Mr. Steve Dunton



**Week 3 of Advent Year(A)
Week commencing Sunday 11th December 2016**

Registered Charity Number 1063237

Masses

Sat 10 th Dec.	5.00pm	3rd Sunday of Advent (A)	Margaret Butler RIP
Sun 11 th Dec.	10.30am	3rd Sunday of Advent (A)	Fitzmaurice Family RIP
Mon 12 th Dec.	9.30am	Carol Concert Rehearsal	No Service
Tue 13 th Dec.	9.30am	Carol Concert Rehearsal	No Service
Wed 14 th Dec.	9.30am		No Service
Thu 15 th Dec.	9.30am	School Confessions	No Service
Fri 16 th Dec.	9.30am		No Service
Sat 17 th Dec.	5.00pm	4th Sunday of Advent (A)	People of the Parish
Sun 18 th Dec.	10.30am	4th Sunday of Advent (A)	Geoffrey Abraham RIP

Collection weekend 3rd/4th December was £365-53. Many thanks.

2nd Collection this week 10th/11th December for Father Hudson's Care

Prayers for the Sick: Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Stephen Highfield, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Paula Brooke, Edward O'Neill, Megan Hayes, Michael Smith, Gerald Clarke, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Joe Brennan.

Those who have recently died:

Daniel Scally, Stephen Sollis, Ross Bullock, Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers.

In Memoriam

As from the end of November the names of 'Those who have Died' will be taken out of the bulletin after the first anniversary of their death.

PARISH EVENTS

TEA/COFFEE IS SERVED IN THE CONSERVATORY AFTER THE 10.30 AM MASS. Please join us.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve:- 6.00pm (Carols at 5.30pm) Children's Mass
9.00pm Vigil Mass (Quiet Mass)**

Christmas Day:- 10.15am (Family Mass)

Bring & Buy Table

A **BIG** thank you to everyone for supporting the B&B table this year; we have raised a fantastic £400! We will be relaunching this fund raiser in the New Year so please keep any unwanted Christmas gifts, books and good quality bric a brac until January. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

We urgently need readers and musicians for the Children's Mass on Christmas eve. Please contact Gemma on 07852999528

or gemmamarieholdsworth@hotmail.com **ASAP** Many Thanks.

Coffee Rota 2017

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have served coffee after the 10.30 Mass throughout 2016; your support is much appreciated. If you have volunteered to be on the rota for 2017 please collect your copy of the rota from the back of the Church. Thank you

Friends of St. Mary's

The Christmas Meeting of the 'Friends' will take place on Thursday 15th December at 2pm in the conservatory. There will be a special raffle, Bring and Buy and refreshments. All are welcome

**Churches Together Carol singing at the Barley Mow- Friday 16th
December at 8pm**

There will be festive carols at the Barley Mow. Have a meal or a drink and enter into the festive spirit. Come along to support the event or join the singing group. see Deacon Steve for more details.