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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Betty Russell RIP
Tuesday	10:00am	Francis White RIP <i>Immaculate Conception</i>
Wednesday	10:00am	November Mass
	7:00pm	Intention of John McClean
Thursday	10:00am	Prayer Service
Friday	10:00am	Abused Children
Saturday	6:00pm	Protection from Covid <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>
Sunday	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Abused Elderly
	12:00noon	Int of Glinda & James

Christmas Programme

Christmas Eve

<i>Friday</i>	10:00am	No Mass
	6:00pm	Family Mass
	8:00pm	Evening Mass

Christmas Day

<i>Saturday</i>	10:00am	People of the Parish
	6:00pm	No Mass

Holy Family

<i>Sunday</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Deceased Parishioners
	12 noon	Priest's Intention

Confessions: Please make sure you prepare for Christmas by going to Confession, I will be available every Saturday between now and then from 2 -4 in the office, or by appointment

Red Box Holders

Please pick up your envelope and calendar in the Hall. Empty the contents of the Red Box into the envelope and return it to church.

Many thanks

Fr Jack

Advent I often feel is the poor relation of the year. Who cares about Advent – it is just something we have got to get through on our way to Christmas.

And especially nowadays when we are so used to having everything instant. Why wait? Who wants to wait? Patience is in short supply.

We can easily get overwhelmed by the 'fast lane of life.' We are in such a hurry. We want everything now. We rush from experience to experience. We can't cope with the bigness of life. Stop. Look. Listen.

Waiting for the day to come. Waiting for buses. Waiting for an appointment in a hospital. Waiting in A&E. Waiting for the end of winter. Waiting for the sun to shine. Waiting to get well. Waiting for pain to go. Waiting to grow up. Waiting for visitors.

The above are all Ok and have a degree of anticipation. Maybe waiting for a baby to be born has a greater sense of excitement. The real appreciation of nine months. The waiting has all been worthwhile with the arrival of a baby. And I am not talking about Christmas only.

Or think of the excitement and sense of anticipation as you wait for the girlfriend to arrive. Checking your hair is right, the tie is straight and a shrug of the shoulders and yes, "I am looking good."

I Am waiting and expecting.

It is better to regret the things you've done, than regret the things you haven't done.

Hampers

If anybody would like a Christmas Hamper, please let me know