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Newsletter

Christmas Day

December 25th 2022

My dear parishioners,

Happy Christmas! On Christmas Day we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever received, the gift of Christ the Saviour, the Light of the World. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Son became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary and was born, in great simplicity, at Bethlehem. Joseph, faithful and sincere, became their trusted guardian.

It is little wonder that so many beautiful traditions have grown up around this wonderful feast – the sending of cards to family and friends, the charming story of Santa Claus, the exchange of gifts with loved ones, the festival of light in our homes and gardens, the enjoyment of special food and drink shared with loved ones, the outpouring of love and concern for those living in challenging circumstances. So much goodness! Christmas reminds us of the sanctity of the child in the womb and the sacredness of our human existence and the deeply spiritual nature of our being. In quiet moments, we may well sense that we are created for union with Christ.

As your parish priest, I know that for many it was a year of joy, welcoming a new child into your family, or celebrating a wedding or First Holy Communion or achieving some personal goal, like graduation from university. For others, it was a year in which you faced some personal hardship, the ending of a relationship that began with so much promise or indeed the death of someone whom you deeply loved.

Whatever your circumstances today, please know that you are held in prayer during the Christmas liturgy and may the deep peace of Bethlehem's Gift to the world fill your mind and console your heart.

Father O'Brien

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday December 24th: Christmas Eve:

Mass at St. Mary's at 4pm and at 8pm

Sunday December 25th: Christmas Day:

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday December 26th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday: December 27th: Mass at St Mary's at 10am
Wednesday December 28th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Thursday December 29th: Funeral liturgy for Baby Ava McNair

Saturday December 31st
Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm
Vigil Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday January 1st 2023
Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am
Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Baby Ava McNair, Catherine Riley, Margaret Williamson, Michael Lyons, Peter Chambers, Michael Donnelly, Patrick Warren, Michael Tollan, Kathleen Quinn, Philip Cassidy, Alice Hynds, Paddy Rodgers

Special Remembrance:

Margaret Duffin, Sheila Duffy, Ella Muir, Jacob Clinton, Mark McGuire, Kevin McGuire, John McKinnon, Catherine McKinnon, Peter McKinnon, John McKinnon Jnr., Neil McKinnon, Margaret O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, Theresa Ainslie, Jackie (John) Ainslie, Catherine Sweeney, Gerard Griffin, Gertrude Harkins, Mary Malone, Jim Cunning, Mary Dale Malone, Arthur and Helen McGuigan, John McFall, Pat and Peggy McFall, John and Peggy Montague, Jack and Nan Montague, Eric Montague, Archie and Cathie Rodden, John Toner, Alec and May Mullen, Mattie Beavers, Ann Murphy, deceased members of the Stewart and McFall families, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Peter Harkins, Bobby and Barbara Jones, Les Lovelock, Tom and Bridie Murphy, Karen Wilson, Thomas Rooney, Margaret Phairs, Daniel Devanney, James McDonald, Catherine Devanney, Lynne Devanney, Sandy Kennedy. Hugh Connor,

Wullie Savage, Mary Dorman, Margaret Stewart, Eilidh McHugh, Matt and Betty Patton, Daniel and Catherine McKenna, Catherine and Richard Purcell, Walter and Agnes Stewart, Joan Stewart, Margaret and Brian Bonnar, Jaime, Anna and Elizabeth Donnelly, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Frank Docherty, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Walter Ettery, Thomas Young, Bill O'Mailley, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Elizabeth and Michael McSorley, Betty and Eddie Smith, John and Julia O'Neill, Joseph O'Neill, Esther and Thomas Reid, Sonny Dalton, deceased members of the McKenna and Dalton families, Anne and Tommy Quay, deceased members of the Daly family, Benny and Rosaleen Mournian, Philip O'Donnell, Eric and Helen Murphy, Charles Feeney

Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, Margaret Flynn, Helen Jenkinson, John and Edna Wilson, Mary Wilson Snaith, Margaret O'Brien, Jim Cox, James Mackle, Jan and Mary Kozak, Krystyna and Zygmunt Jasniewicz, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns, Michael Flynn, Elizabeth Cochrane, Fr. Gerard Higgins, Winifred and Jim McGuire, Geraldine and John McCarthy, Patricia and Harry Doyle, Winnie Maxwell, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, Mary and Michael O'Brien, Harry and Lizzie Morgan, Owen and Bella Currie, Tess McMahan, Robert and Ena Murphy, James and Anne Dillon, Jim Dillon, Tom O'Brien, Sr. Margaret O'Brien, Sr. Margaret Forde, Edward and Brian Greechan, Angelina Di Marco, Tommy Maxwell, Ida McKeown, Maureen Gillespie, Olga Leviskis, George and Rose Terrett, Joseph and Edward O'Toole, Fr. Pat O'Hare, Fr. Michael Purcell, Fr. Norman Cooper, Fr. Walter Scott, Mgr. Alex Devanny and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*