



1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YR. A)  
27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

*Welcome to our Parish Celebration of the Holy Eucharist*



#### SUNDAY MASSES

**Saturday** St. Nicholas 6.00pm Eamon Scanlon  
**Sunday** St. Nicholas 9.30am The People of the Parish  
Our Lady's 11.00am November Dead List - Holy Souls  
Retiring Collection for Diocesan Peru Mission Fund

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEK

St. Nicholas & Our Lady's £ 945.62  
Diocesan Youth Service £132.06  
Thank you for your generosity

#### DURING THE WEEK

**Monday** St. Nicholas Funeral Commitment  
**Tuesday** Our Lady's "  
**Wednesday** St. Nicholas "  
**Thursday** Our Lady's "  
**Friday** St. Nicholas 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00am November Dead List - Holy Souls  
**Saturday** No morning Mass  
Confessions 5.15pm to 5.30pm and at other times by request.  
Vigil St. Nicholas 6.00pm Kathleen & Michael Mullen

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

6.00pm M. Gunby, S. Ftizsimmons  
9.30am S. Gibbons, G. Gray, W, Whitelow  
11.00am B. Smith, M. Robson, S. Hyland

#### READERS NEXT WEEKEND

6.00pm C. Walsh  
9.30am G. Ani  
11.00am E. Coates, J. O'Toole

**A BIG WELCOME TODAY** to the First Holy Communion children who are presenting themselves for preparation for their First Holy Communion later next year. Parents remember the promise made at Baptism to bring your children up in the Faith. It is essential that they come to weekly Mass either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning as part of their readiness to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

**ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am until 3pm. All the usual stalls - Tombola & Bottle Stall, Raffle, Books, Jewellery, Christmas Stall, Cake Stall etc. and also as usual Santa Claus will be in attendance. The gift box is now in the porch. Please remember no clothes, furniture or large items, and please also don't forget baking for the cake stall - we can freeze it !!! (**Meeting for helpers this coming Wednesday at 7pm**).

**RED MISSION BOXES - ST. NICHOLAS** - I will be emptying Red Boxes before and after Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish, I will happily collect from your home. Tel: Luke 097946 348522. Some boxes have not been collected from earlier in the year. Please contact me in the rear of the church.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER Advent Gathering**, Thurs 1 Dec Gipton Methodist prayer & praise in preparation for the coming of Christ. All Welcome. **Advent Lunches** on Tuesdays at 12.30pm at: Epiphany 29 Nov; St Nicholas' 6 Dec; Oakwood Church 13 Dec. **Night shelter Project** 30 Jan to 6 Feb. Preparatory Meeting at Gipton Methodist on Mon 5 Dec at 7pm.

**INVITATION FROM THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS** - Come and see our Real Live Nativity on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm in Corpus Christi Church. Children's Christmas Activities, Carol Singing, Live Animals, Free drinks and biscuits. See poster.

**UCM/SPUC POSTCARD CAMPAIGN** - over 600 postcards collected in the parishes of John Henry Newman and Blessed Edmund Sykes have been forwarded to SPUC in London to be presented to our MP Richard Burgon next year. The next stage involves meeting with him and hopefully thank him for taking the Pro-Life Pledge which acknowledges the humanity and legal rights of unborn children, or to ask him why he has not. Thank you for your support

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK: Anniversaries:** Margaret O'Neill, James Beattie, Teresa Tobin, Paul Shanahan. **Also for:** Michael & Mary Gaughan, Ann & Michael O'Hara, Margaret & Patrick Smith, Teresa Smith Intentions, John Rodgers, In Thanksgiving.

**300 CLUB** - £20 259 K. Murphy: £10 114 A. Byrne: £5 387 P. Lightfoot: £5 1 Sean Crawley.

Thought for the week  
To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands  
of God, especially in our most difficult times.

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