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Last Sunday's collection: £1814. Many Thanks.

Christmas and New Year Timetable of Masses and Services.

Advent Penitential Service with private confession on Friday 22nd December at 7 pm.

Saturday 23rd December. Mass at 10 am . Confession 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 6.30 pm. Confession 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Sunday 24th December. Christmas Eve. Fourth Sunday of Advent. Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am, and 12 noon. First Mass for Christmas at 6.30 pm. Midnight Mass at 11 pm.

Monday 25th December. Christmas Day. Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon. No Evening Mass.

Tuesday 26th December. Boxing Day/ St Stephen's Day. Mass at 10 am.

Wednesday 27th December. St John, Apostle and Evangelist. Mass at 10 am.

Thursday 28th December. The Holy Innocents. Mass at 10 am.

Friday 29th December. St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr. Mass at 10 am.

Saturday 30th December. 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas. Mass at 10am. Vigil mass for Sunday at 6.30 pm.

Sunday 31st December. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Masses at 9am, 10.30 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm.

Monday 1st January. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass at 10 am. No Evening Mass.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Carmody on Wednesday 27th December at 2 pm. Repatriation to Ireland. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family in their loss.

Security Message from the Vicar General of the Diocese. Please be conscious of the need to stay safe. At this time of the year people experience the effects of poverty more sharply and there has been an increase in crime, theft and assault, on the streets and in public transport. Burglary is on the increase too so we have to ensure that our buildings, homes and Church premises are protected.

On the Parish front all those who have access to the premises for one reason or another are asked to be especially vigilant and careful about closing and locking doors and windows and ensuring lights are all out. Carelessness, absent- mindedness contribute to things being left undone. An open door will always be an invitation to the possible unwelcome visitor.

Gospel Notes. John1:6-8,19-28. There is one among you whom you do not know. We can know about Jesus but do we know him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?

John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you that God loves you- a friend, a parent, a teacher? To whom have you borne that witness?

John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself. He was a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. He was the voice of one crying out in the wilderness that God's grace may come upon them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to others?