

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Go and tell John what you hear and see.

Jesus, you make the blind see.

Help us see our neighbours' needs.

You open deaf ears to hear. Please open our ears to hear the cry of the poor.

You made the lepers clean. Clean us too, we beg, of the many wrongs we do and the right things we fail to do.

Our mute tongues want to sing your praise. We want to leap for joy like a stag.

Heal us.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate. Registered Charity No. 252929

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OFFICE HOURS Monday to Saturday Sunday

9.00 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday *Confessions* (Saturday) MASSES 12.00 noon 12.00 noon 7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm *11.00 am – 12.00 noon and* 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

<u>11th DECEMBER 2016</u> <u>The THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (year A)</u> <u>GAUDETE SUNDAY</u>

The readings for today's Mass are on page 88 of the Mass book. The Creed – page 11 The Lord's Prayer - page 56

The response to the Psalm is: *Come, Lord, and save us.*

The Acclamation is: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

SECOND COLLECTION Special Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next week's second collection will be for flowers for Christmas.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Unfortunately, Fr. John will be away at the beginning of January, so the next Evening of Devotion will be on Friday 3rd February, 2017.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be on Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 11.00 am. If you have any costumes from previous years and would like to donate them, please bring them to the Parish Office, marked "Christmas Pageant".

EXPRESSION of GRATITUDE

Toni De Feo Myers and family would like to thank everyone who supported them over the recent death of Toni's mother, Anna De Feo. Thanks also to those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

John Albert Roberts

Mass

1.00 pm, Thursday 15th December, Visitation Church, followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Advance Notice

Roy Tavernier

Mass

1.00 pm, Tuesday, 20th December, Visitation Church, followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER

PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS. AVOID BLOCKING OTHER VEHICLES OR OBSTRUCTING THE ALLEYWAY, WHICH IS TO BE USED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

THE SAFETY OF ALL IS PARAMOUNT!!!

Christmas at Our Lady of the Visitation

<u>Monday 12th December</u> Our Lady of the Visitation School Carol Service – 2.00 pm, in Church.

<u>Monday 19th December</u> Cardinal Wiseman High School Advent Lesson and Carol Service - 6.00 pm, in Church.

> <u>Saturday 24th December</u> <u>Christmas Eve</u>

11.00 am – Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant, in the Old Church Hall. 11.00 am – 12.00 noon – Confessions as usual 12.00 noon – Mass as usual.

<u>Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve</u> <u>Saturday 24th December</u>

6.00 pm	Children's Mass
9.00 pm	Carols – 8.30 pm
Mass – 12.00 midnight	Carols - 11.30 pm

<u>Christmas Masses on Christmas Day</u> <u>Sunday 25th December</u>

9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 noon

NO 8.00 am and NO evening Mass

<u>Monday 26th December - St. Stephen's Day</u> <u>Bank Holiday - office will be closed</u>

12.00 noon

Sunday 1st January

Normal Sunday Masses