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Sunday 27th November 2016
First Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	9 am, 11 am & 5.30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday	10 am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday	10 am
Friday	No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	10.30 – 11 am

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP NEWS

The Justice and Peace group would like to thank you all for your support of the Hillingdon Food Bank during the past year. Pastor Vine, the local organiser, is most grateful.

The next collection will be on the weekend of 3rd and 4th December. Preferred items include: tins of meats, fruit, custard and rice pudding; instant mash, long life milk, fruit juice and Christmas sweets and chocolates.

Thank you all very much,

The Justice and Peace Group

CONFIRMATION 2017

Those in Year Ten and above are invited to complete an enrolment form for next year's Confirmation course. They are available from the stand at the back of the church and **must be returned by 16th December.**

THE ART OF DYING WELL

This is a new website that offers help to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based on the Catholic tradition, but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. Please visit www.artofdyingwell.org to find out more.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL
OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS,
OUR RESPONSIBILITY

'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want ***all*** parishioners to take this opportunity to ***prayerfully*** reflect on their financial commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a portion to Him.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including details on why our parish needs more financial help in order to cover our day-to-day running costs. If you have not done so already, please take an appeal newsletter as you leave Mass.

We ask that you all prayerfully consider this Planned Giving appeal. We hope to complete our efforts next weekend. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be no 10 am Mass on Friday 2nd December.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Lord God, your Son will come again at the end of time, but now he lives and suffers in today's people. Send us in love to those who need our time, our care and our comfort.

We make this prayer particularly for all the sick of our Parish, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, an amazing effort from you all! We have been able to send 287 boxes, including 50 that were put together from your generous donations. Thank you all very much. *Reg and Steve*

LODGE BROTHERS CAROL SERVICE

This takes place here on Friday, 2nd December at 6.30 pm, and is especially for those who have lost loved ones this year, although everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

COFFEE MORNING

There is no coffee morning today because of the School Fayre, which takes place from 12 noon to 3 pm. Please join them for a fun and festive afternoon!

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Convent on Wednesday, 30th November, from 7 – 8 pm. All are welcome.

IF YOU DONATE TO "THE PASSAGE"…

… through the Big Give website: https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/thepassage2016 between 12 noon on Tuesday 29th November and 12 noon on Friday 2nd December your donation will be doubled.

WEEKLY COLLECTION Thank you for your Offering last week of £1,684.39.

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Office Hours: Monday & Friday 9 am – 3.30 pm, Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm.