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**SATURDAY-Day of Special Prayer**  
**6.00pm - for Expectant Mothers**  
**SUNDAY - 24th December**  
**8.00pm - Mass of Midnight**

**MONDAY**  
**10.00am- Note Time**

**TUESDAY**  
**10.00am-Note Time**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**10.00am –MASS- Note Time**

**THURSDAY**  
**9.15am**

**FRIDAY**  
**9.15am**

**23rd December**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Intentions of Joan & Sid**  
**BLOOMFIELD**

**25th December**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**Priest's Intentions**

**26th December**  
**Service of Word & Communion**  
**ST STEPHEN,M.**

**27th December**  
**ST JOHN, Ap, Ev.**  
**Mary Ellen CUMMINGS (RIP)**

**28th December**  
**Service of Word & Communion**  
**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Mm.**

**29th December**  
**Service of Word & Communion**  
**ST THOMAS BECKETT, B,M.**

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14 16; Ps 88; Romans 16 25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 9:1-7; Ps 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 97; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18 or John 1:1-5.9-14

**Proper:** Acts 6:8-10.7:54-59; Ps 30; Matthew 10:17-22

1 John 1:1-4; Ps 96; John 20;2-8

1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 123; Matthew 2:13-18

**National Calendars:** Colossians 1:24-29; Ps 22; Luke 22:24-30

**PARISH NEWS**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 30th December Patrick O'GRADY (RIP)**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**SUNDAY 24th December: 7.30pm – CAROLS**

**8.00pm – MASS of MIDNIGHT**

**MONDAY 25th December: 10.00am - NATIVITY of the LORD**

On both these days of Christmas we welcome **Fr Michael MURRAY**, a retired priest of the diocese who will celebrate our Masses with us. **The Collection on Christmas Day is the customary offering to the clergy which in this diocese is part of the clergy allowance.**

**DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**-Your crib offerings go to this society. A basket will be there for any donation you wish to give. You will see this year that we have a new set of crib figures. These have been kindly donated to the parish by Stewart and Jo Smith. Our grateful thanks go to them for their kindness.

**THANK YOU**-A sincere thank you to our **Friendship Group** for their generous donation of **£600.00** towards parish funds.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**– Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Katie SHANAHAN** late of this parish who has recently died. May she rest in peace.

**MAINTENANCE TO MISSION LOCAL** “ Exploring Divine Renovation in your parish” Hosted by **Hannah Vaughan-Spruce** (Divine Renovation UK) and **Mike Roche** (Alpha UK). Bring a group from your parish to explore the principles of Divine Renovation; hear from delegates who attended the M2M conference and explore the next steps for your parish, on **Saturday,27th January 2018** from **9.30am to 4.15pm** at **St Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove ,SK7 4EA**. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To reserve a place email [mckay7897@hotmail.com](mailto:mckay7897@hotmail.com) or ring **01625 876 752**. Please see notice board in the porch.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING** - This is a fund raising effort for the **Scouts Jamboree 2019** being done by some students from **St James Catholic School, Stockport. 6th - 7th January, 10.00am –1.30pm -£3 drop-off or £5 local collection**. For local collection please email [xmastree@highlanescouts.org.uk](mailto:xmastree@highlanescouts.org.uk) Local drop =points at: 1.1st High lane Scouts, Alderdale Drive, High Lane 2. Marple Guide HQ, Brickridge Road, Marple, SK6 7BQ 3. Bramhall Air Scouts, 1 Benja Fold, Bramhall, SK7 2BX 4. 3rd Hazel Grove Scouts, 2 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 6BD 5. 3rd Offerton Scouts, Half Moon Lane , Offerton, SK2 5ES

**ADVENT APPEAL**-In response to the pilgrimage to the Holy Land that some of our young people went on last month, it has been decided to support the **School of Joy in Bethlehem. THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS APPEAL.**

**CONFIRMATION**

The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY 2018** from **6.30pm to 8.00pm** in the **Meeting Room** at **St Peter's**.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**OUR MISSION TOGETHER** is a Diocesan initiative aimed at reminding us of our duty to use our talents and gifts to spread the gospel and to build up resources to support the training of new and existing clergy, to provide our retired clergy and to support the initiatives of **Caritas Shrewsbury**, the social work arm of the diocese and help parishes in our missionary outreach. There are some newsletters about the scheme available at the back of the church and our effort will begin at the end of **JANUARY**.

**Bonus Ball No.14 Roll-over**

**Last Week's Collection**

Loose	<b>£59.00</b>
Envelopes	<b>£207.00</b>
Missio	<b>£</b>
Donation	<b>£600.00</b>
Mass Offgs.	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£866.00</b>

- Anniversaries**  
 Agnes Philbin  
 \Maurice Joy  
 James Burgess  
 Lawrence Murray  
 Margaret Read  
 Eric Winstanley  
 Hugh Gilligan  
 Alice Campaigne  
 Mary Agnes Hallsworth  
 Elizabeth Ellen Harrison  
 Mary Duggan  
 Linda Aitken  
 Shirley Davis  
 Fred Simms  
 Margaret Woodall  
 Anita Forster  
 Esther Connolly  
 Harriet Lyne  
 Mary Cotton  
 Madeleine Slane  
 Sydney Hallsworth  
 Patrick Slane  
 Mary Beryl Rhodes

- Anniversaries**  
 Bridget Jack  
 Mary Donohoe
- Sick Within The Parish**  
 Kit Prosser  
 Joanne Hobson  
 David Gregory  
 Kath Roche  
 Margaret Shorrock  
 Maureen Showell  
 Tony & Pauline De Giorgio  
 David Broster  
 Fr Michael  
 Kath Murray  
 Christine Connick  
 Linda Bradley  
 Louvain Lomas  
 Sheila Devine