

**COUNTERS ROTA:** Now available to collect from the table in the Cloister. We could do with a few more volunteers to count the Sunday collection on a rota basis in the company of two other volunteers. Your rota turn would be approximately 5 times a year for approximately 1 hour after the 10.00am Mass. Willing volunteers please see Valerie English or Fr Owen.

**THANK YOU; THANK YOU:** Your response to our appeal on the "Sunday dedicated for the poor and needy" to bring in one item per family for the local FOODBANK, has been truly wonderful. Thank you so very much. The following few lines from the Management Committee of the local Foodbank says it all: *Thank you very much for your support. Our donations at this time of the year see us through to Easter so are very important in keeping the Food Bank fully operative in times when our referrals are on the increase. Please pass on our sincere thanks to your Congregation and colleagues for thinking of us and supporting local individuals and families who are in food*

**THANK YOU:** The Knights of St Columba would like to thank all who supported their "Bacon Butties" and coffee after last weeks 10.00am Mass - 2nd December 2018. Coffee raised £35.10, Bacon butties raised £97.52 towards the £100 already sent to Emmanuel House in Nottingham.

**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER:** Are you alone at Christmas? You needn't be! The Rotary Club of Welland Valley are hosting a "Christmas Together" lunch on Christmas Day at the Congregational Jubilee Hall in Bowden Lane, Market Harborough. There will be a three course lunch and festive entertainment. The cost is £5.00 - this includes transport if necessary. There are places available, apply (before 14th December) by phoning 07973122100 or email : gabbyb@tiscali.co.uk

**CAROL SINGING AT THE WILLOWS AND LENTHALL HOUSE:** The K.S.C invites everybody again to sing Carols for the residents at The Willows Nursing Home and at Lenthall House. The residents are looking forward to the evening and we would like as many as possible to join us. Young and old; singers and musicians - regulars and especially newcomers. And there is a mince pie and a glass of sherry! Meet at the Willows at 6.15pm on Monday 17th December and after at 7.00pm at Lenthall House (Radio Broadcast)!!

#### 9th December 2018

**Readers: 6.30pm:** J Rowlands 10.00am: M Crook M Wells

**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** B Spicknell B Stewart S Tacey N Tiney F Wilson

10.00am: V Winter D Bebb P Bebb R Blagburn A Brown (Weekday A)

**Counters:** A Wade V English

**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** J Lowe W Kwacz M Furlong

10.00am: J Clarke E Ventriglia V Winter

**Bidding Prayers:** M Naef

#### 16th December 2018

**Readers: 6.30pm:** A Williamson 10.00am: C Goddard G Hill

**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** K Crawford M Douglas P Green A Hall S Jones

10.00am: Mike Hall Mary Hall W Kwacz J Lowe S McGlone (Weekday B)

**Counters:** F Goodman B Goodman A Brisley

**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** D Bennett B Coombs E Brown

10.00am: M Graham Joseph Family G Hill

**Bidding Prayers:** K Quinn



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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 2nd of Advent

**Sat. 6.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sat.6.30pm Mass - The Parishioners

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - The Holy Souls

**9.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am Mass - Michael Czernik R.I.P.

3.00pm - Catenian Carol Service at Husbands Bosworth

3.00pm - Carol Service at the Prison (public not permitted)

### Monday: Advent Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - Terry & Rita Ferguson R.I.P.

### Tuesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass - Ann Kerr R.I.P.

Rosary after Mass

### Wednesday: Advent Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - Eileen & Douglas Reed R.I.P.

### Thursday: St Lucy

9.43am Rosary

10.00am Mass - Pip Monk R.I.P. (birthday memento) St Joseph's

School children coming and leading the Liturgy.

### Friday: St John of the Cross

6.45pm Prayer of the Church

7.00pm Mass - Charles & Ellen Thomas R.I.P.

### Saturday: Advent Feria

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)

**6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**N.B 6.25pm** 1st Mass of Sunday 16th - The Holy Souls

**Sunday: 3rd of Ordinary Time - Gaudete Sunday**

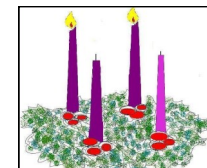
8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - The Parishioners

**9.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am Mass - Sally McCormack R.I.P. (birthday memento)



*He comes back, comes  
back singing, bringing in  
his sheaves.*



### Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am

5.30 - 6.00 pm.

& on request

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

10.30—11.00 a.m.



**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Today for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas and beyond. Your customary generosity is really appreciated.



**OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE** are offered to Ann and Mark Swinfield and their family on the death of Ann's dad. May his soul rest in peace, and may be, with his dear wife who died in 2009, be reunited in eternal love in the presence of the Risen Lord with the angels and saints.

**PLEASE NOTE:** that Mass this coming Saturday evening will start 5 minutes earlier than normal at 6.25pm. The reason for this is because Mass will be followed by our **Christmas Concert special with the Harborough Brass Band** and special stars Siobhan Moore and Tracey Holderness. Tickets on sale for the concert after all Masses today.



**THIRD WORLD GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD:** Every year the Third World Group create a Christmas Card Board opposite the notice boards in The Cloisters. You are invited to put one card on the board extending your Christmas greetings to Fr Owen and all your friends in the parish. The money you save by only using the one card we kindly ask you to donate to the charities we support. A box will be placed on the table to the right of the board for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness



**THIRD WORLD GROUP APPEAL:** So has it finally happened? Has winter arrived? The nights are drawing in and we will soon be into the Post B Era (Post Bazaar). Time to put away the celebrated and much worn summer/autumn clothes and hang the winter woollies firmly in the wardrobe. Should you have any clothes, for any season, in good condition, that you no longer require TWG would be most grateful for them. Please place them in the TWG box under the table in the cloisters. They will be sold on eBay and ALL proceeds will go **DIRECTLY** to the charities in the Third World that we support. Thank you for your generosity.

**DOOR HANGERS AND WREATHES:** The lists are now up for the above at a cost of £8.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** With the approval of our Parish Pastoral Council members our Christmas Masses will be as follows:

**Christmas Eve at 6.30pm - A FAMILY MASS**

**9.30pm - A CAROL SERVICE**

**10.00pm - MASS - remembering that it is 12 midnight in Bethlehem. So NO Midnight Mass here**

**Christmas Morning - 8.30am at Husbands Bosworth**

**10.00am Mass here**



**THE NEW DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK** is now with us and as usual is full of Diocesan news of Clergy, Deacons and Religious to Schools, Catholic societies and organisations, to jubilees and anniversaries; to retired priests and obituaries and many, many more items of interest and information. Each Yearbook cost £3.50, which you can pop into the basket on the table.

**ENCOUNTER: ENCOUNTER: ENCOUNTER:** In response to our Bishop's request to each and everyone of us in the Diocese to **ENCOUNTER** the Lord himself in a deep spiritual way this Advent time and beyond. I invite each and everyone of our parishioners and all connected to our church and parish in anyway to **ENCOUNTER THE LORD THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF CONFESSION** during this Advent season. Fr Owen is offering opportunities and times to suit everybody, so please see the following times and keep this newsletter handy, so that you can easily refer to a time that suits you. Special arrangements will be made for Reconciliation at St Joseph's school.



**RECONCILIATION TIMES:**

Thursday 13th at 11.00am - 11.30am

7.00pm - 7.30pm

Friday 14th at 6.15pm - 6.45pm

7.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 15th - 11.00am - 11.45am

5.30pm - 6.00pm

Monday 17th at 7.00pm at St Thomas More's, Knighton

Thursday 20th at 10.30am - 11.00am

7.00pm - 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd at 11.00am - 12 noon

Sunday 23rd at 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Monday 24th at 10.00am - 11.00am



**TWO WEEKS ON - REFLECTION - TRULY AMAZING:** Our total profit from our Bazaar 2 weeks ago now stands at £14,750 - a truly amazing result. Again my renewed thanks, appreciation and gratitude to each and everyone who contributed in anyway whatsoever. Special and sincere thanks to the many who have worked for so long in fundraising and preparing, stall organising beforehand and on the day itself. To the organiser and coordinators with whom such success could not have been achieved. I am so grateful to each and all. Whilst the financial aspect is of such a significant importance, we must not forget the social aspect of a Bazaar, that community bond and building, that lovely atmosphere so much contributed to by the Harborough Junior Brass Band and the song/Christmas carols, by children from St Joseph's School. I am particularly proud and grateful for the sharing, cooperation and involvement of the parish and St Joseph's School - so very important that that goodwill, togetherness and cooperation continues to be healthy, happy and fruitful. I have given the proceeds from the Husbands Bosworth stall to the church at Husbands Bosworth. It is the only source of income they have to insure the lovely church, and heat and maintain the lovely Chapel. I will also be sending £1,000 to CAFOD towards the famine in Nepal and a further £200 to Inter Care to help them send donated medicines to a mission in Africa.

**READERS' ROTA 2019.** It is time to compile the Readers' Rota to begin in January, 2019. Anyone wanting to read at the weekend masses, or any reader wishing to withdraw from the rota, please contact Fr Owen, or Margaret Atkins (01858 446369 or margaretatkins52@gmail.com) as soon as possible.