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Taken prior to *Christmas Night Mass 2016* *by Tom Bentham*

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Psalter week 4, Sunday Cycle Year A

This week's Altar Flowers have been dedicated
by Sheila & Bill Bishop
in loving memory of
Brain Bishop RIP

Mass Times for Week Commencing
Sunday 29th January 2017

Saturday, Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
1600 Confessions
1700 Joan King
Sunday in Ordinary Time
1000 William & Agnes Geraghty
Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time
0915 Martin Bayliss
Tuesday, Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest
0915 Kathleen Cecil
1430 Private intention *(In school)*
1900 Holy Hour with Benediction
Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time
0915 Howard & Dorothy Hurley
Thursday, The Presentation of the Lord
No Mass
Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time
0915 Margaret Farrell RIP
1900 Lectio Divina & Gospel Contemplation Prayer Group
Saturday, Feria in Ordinary Time
1600 Confessions
1700 John Larner
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1000 People of the Parish

For Your Diary 2017

Date	Time	Event	Location
30th Jan	1930	Rosary Group	9 Hamps Close
3rd Feb	1900	Lectio Divina & Gospel Contemplation	Church Hall
4th Feb	1515	Sacramental Preparation FHC	Church Hall
12th Feb	1000	During Mass Confirmation Candidates make their Commitment	St Joseph's
21st Feb	1200	Senior Citizens Mass and Lunch	Church Hall

Please Pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners: Gillian Atkinson, Chris Austin, Nikki Carr, Blanaid Drain, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Jill Gutteridge, Mary Hughes, Clare Kettle, Lorraine Macbeth, Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Anita McLean, Paul Robert Moffat, Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Bob Preston, Tony Scott, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Trickett, Cath Twyman, Matthew Waterfield, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth, Maureen Dewsberry, Phoebe Gardner, Mary Stone, David Newis, Mike Edwards, Derrick Brown, Gabrielle Shine, Kathleen Kutt, Monique Atkins, Sheila Bishop, Dorothy Walters, Sue Bennett, Ian and Olivia MacDonald, Monica Quinn, Vincent Costello, Richard Tacther, Robert Bowen, Carter Chatting, Margaret Linney, Michael Phelan, Jimmy Phelan, Annabelle Windsor, Percy Lees, Jackie Thompson, Martha Burton, Sandra Phelan, Karen Ireson, John Coley, Bernadette Somonge.

Our Recently Deceased: Joan Bettesworth, Maurice Ryan, Mary Hyden, Graham Allcott, Kathleen O'Grady, Maureen Van Hagen, Andy Fleming, Des MacNamara *Sr,* Margaret Murray, Michael Doherty, Joan King.

Pray also For those whose Anniversary falls within the week: Frances Dilcock, Petros Milauskas, Sylvester Ward, Thomas Jeffers, Wilfred Mace, Daniel Morris, Daniel O'Mahoney, Brian Bishop, Christopher Clarke, Michael Jeffers, Margaret Jones, Alice Young, Michael Coughlan, Cecelia Neenan.

Offering Last Weekend: Loose plate: £196.16 Gift Aid: £187.80 Many thanks for your generosity. Second collection this weekend is towards the Church Maintenance.

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Next Senior Citizens Luncheon Club is Tues 21st February 2017 following Midday Mass: Freshly cooked Lunch with glass of wine, coffee or tea £5 per head. Please let Carol Wood know on 01543 529169 should you wish to attend.

Food Bank: Please keep the foods coming. Tinned Toms, Juice, Tea Bags, Rice Pudding, UHT Milk, Sugar, Biscuits and Pasta Sauce all needed.

Jacqueline's Jaunts we're off again: This time to Port Sunlight (near Liverpool) on Saturday 25 March. It is a village with lots to see. List for names will be in the hall ASAP, details to follow.

If you would like to join the Readers list for Weekend Mass: Please give your name to Kay Greene 01543 673677.

Starlight: Thank you to everyone who has donated empty ink cartridges, please keep them coming. You will find in the Hall Starlight newsletters, please take one. There are Gift Aid forms available if you would like to donate on a regular basis and also a collection tin if anyone would like to make cash donations. Lastly, there are a few DVDs which explain a bit about what we do, please feel free to take on to watch and return for others to view.

Notice for the Readers & Musicians of Rota Change 12th February Confirmation Commitment Mass: Children from St Joseph's and St Theresa's School are invited to read at this Mass and the Music for the occasion by Julie/Joe/June & Adam. Thank you to those on list who will step aside for this occasion.

The next CAFOD meeting: Is in the Church Hall on Monday February 6th at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Lectio Divina & Gospel Contemplation Prayer Group led by Fr Paul will begin Friday 3rd Feb 1900 - 2000 in the Church Hall: Open the mind and heart to intimacy with God. All welcome. Every Friday up until Lent during which we have the Stations of the Cross then again God Willing after Easter.

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