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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	11 December	8:00am	George & Peggy Whitehead (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	11 December	9:15am	For the parish
Our Lady	Monday	12 December	6:00pm	Priest's Intentions
Our Lady	Wednesday	14 December	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	17 December	10:00am	Priest's Intentions followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	18 December	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	18 December	9:15am	Maureen Taitt

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	13 December	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	13 December	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	15 December	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Wednesday – St John of the Cross.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for ourselves to be open to God's mercy and show it to others.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23:1-6. R.Cf.vv7.10, St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £208.31 St. Anselm: £285.70 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Advent Reflections. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is always characterised by a joyful expectation of our Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The entrance antiphon offers us the signature tune for the theme of joyful expectation that our saviour is come to save us. John the Baptist is confused with the ministry of Jesus and sends messengers to him. Jesus defines his role not as one of sovereignty and judgement as John had expected but as one of blessing to the needy and the lonely. Jesus then gives a testimony about the Baptist. As John's attire is somewhat shabby compared to Herod's finery, so his fearless preaching emphasises the King's inconsistency. John the Baptist is also more than a prophet; for unlike the Old Testament prophets, he announces the dawn of God's kingly rule through his Son Jesus Christ and serves as the Messiah's immediate forerunner. The Lord will come to save you in his own time. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!

Michael Gerard Brennan RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Brennan, of Sacred Heart parish, who died on 2nd December. He leaves behind his wife, Christine, and four children Nicola, Steven, Matthew and Nathan. Please keep them in your prayers.

Family Christmas Mass. There will be a family Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to come to this Mass dressed as any character in the Nativity story.

Festival of Carols & Lessons. Wednesday 14 December at 12pm & 6:30pm in the Auditorium at Thomas Becket Catholic School. Limited availability so please secure your ticket by contacting Mrs Harrison on 01604 493211 or email office@thomasbecket.org.uk. Light refreshments will be served following each celebration.

Thank you! Thank you to all those who attended, and those who helped to organise, the Day of Prayer for the closing of the Year of Mercy at Our Lady's in November.

Presbytery. The Presbytery in Billing has been let and a new tenant will be moving in shortly. Please do not park in front of the gate during Mass times.

Trip to Medjugorje. 16th-23rd May 2017. Stay at 'Regina Mundi', half-board €260 plus air fare. Please contact Anne-Marie Newton on 01604 858549 for further information.

Christmas Mass Times: Please note the Christmas Mass times for all three churches will be as follows:

Christmas Eve:	Sacred Heart:	5:30pm Family Mass
	St Anselm:	9:30pm, preceded by carols at 9pm
	Sacred Heart:	11:00pm
Christmas Day:	Our Lady's:	9:15am
	Sacred Heart:	10:30am