Sacred Heart, Howden and St Joseph & St Thomas, Goole

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4th Sunday of Advent/Year B Sunday 24th December 2017

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing you all a very joyful and holy Christmas. The joy and peace of the Infant Jesus, and of Mary and Joseph, be yours and in your homes, and with your families and friends whether near or far away. Many thanks to those who have cleaned and decorated the churches so beautifully, and to those who have helped in any way with the Christmas Masses.

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| Date | | Time | Place | Service/Event | Intentions |
| Sat 23rd Dec | | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | RIP Winifred Holliday (LD) |
| Sun 24th Dec | | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun 24th Dec | | 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Lorenzon Amado Family |
| CHRISTMAS 2017  CHRISTMAS EVE  N.B. 5.00pm Carol Singing at St Joseph’s | | | | | |
| Sun 24th Dec | 5.30pm | | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord | People of the Parish |
| CHRISTMAS DAY – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | | | |
| Mon 25th Dec | | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP O’Rourke family & friends |
| Mon 25th Dec | | 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Agnolin Marcello family |
| *No evening Mass on Christmas Day* | | | | | |
| Tues 26th Dec  *Boxing Day* | | No Mass |  |  |  |
| Wed 27th Dec | | 10.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP G Redman, Hill family, Ward family and all I ought to pray for |
| Thurs 28th Dec | | No Mass |  |  |  |
| Fri 29th Dec | | No Mass |  |  |  |
| Sat 30th Dec | | 5.30pm | St Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP John & Renee Bressani |
| Sun 31st Dec  *Holy Family* | | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | Nov Dead List: RIP Alban & Jane Swarbrick, William & Gertrude Riley, Alban & Alma Swarbrick, Arthur & Gladys Bridle, all the Riley family |
| 11.00am | St Joseph’s | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Mon 1st Jan  *New Year’s Day Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God* | | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |

POLISH MASS is offered on the first Saturday of each month at Goole. The next Polish Mass will be on Saturday 6th January 2018 at 8pm.

*POLSKA MASA jest oferowana w pierwszą sobotę każdego miesiąca w Goole*. Następna polska msza odbędzie się w sobotę 6 stycznia 2018 o 20.00.

Fr Wlodimierz Pajak, 117 Buckingham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel: 01724 855698

SICK & HOUSEBOUND - PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM

Damian Ainscough, Anna Barszcz, Margaret Brodigan, Jean de Bosch, Patience Dare, Carol Dent, Kathleen Evans, Anne Evans, Anne Hayward, Dorothy Kershaw, Anthony Margrave, Joan Marshall, Alma McHugh, Bernard Rook, Michael Ryan, Timmy Ryan, Margaret Scott, Pat Sullivan, Kevin and Catherine Thornton, Lynne Walker and all those who would like to remain anonymous.

MANY THANKS to all the parents who helped with last Sunday’s very enjoyable Christmas party. The children had great fun and laughter, and I think the adults did as well.

DONATIONS TO REFURBISHMENT FUND

Cheque donations can be made payable to ‘The Sacred Heart Refurbishment Fund.’ Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The letter of St James, Chapter 5, verse 14: “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

If you or anyone you know is ill, either in hospital or at home, and would like to receive the Church’s ministry in anointing and Holy Communion, please let Fr Nigel know and he will come and visit you/your family and friends.

DON’T FORGET to bring food items to the back of St Joseph’s Church and Sacred Heart church for the food bank at Trinity Methodist Church, Goole, and woolly hats for the Apostleship of the Sea.

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| *St. Joseph’s Readers December* | | | |
| Christmas Eve 5.30pm | Mrs. J. Head | Christmas Day 11am | Mrs. J. King |
| Sat 30th Dec  5.30pm | Mr. M. McKone | Sun 31st Dec 11am | Mr. M. Brett |

CLEANING TEAM C for Howden this week.

SACRED HEART GRAND CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE 2017

Many thanks for all the gifts, and for the lovely hampers, and to all who put the hampers together.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS COFFEE AND BAKING

A really big thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Coffee and Baking. Thanks to your support and generosity we made a splendid total of £154.31, a great help towards our roof. A lovely way to start Advent!

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE

Pilgrimages 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person. Any flight. Any time. Call us for further information. Tel. Jackie on 0203 239 9862 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

A Christmas Blessing

Let us remember Mary this Christmas and may God bless our mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas and may God bless our fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth and Zechariah this Christmas and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the wise men this Christmas and may God bless all those who will be travelling.

Let us remember the angels this Christmas, and may God bless all those who continue to pass on our Faith.

Let us remember Jesus this Christmas and may God bless us all and make us his children.

ACTION IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of parents to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admission cap on new faith-based schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for ‘Catholic Education’ in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION (ST JOSEPH’S CHILDREN)

There will be 3 meetings which the enrolled children and a parent or carer must attend. These will be held on Wednesdays 21st and 28th of February and 7th March 2018 from 6-7p.m. at **St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**, Kennedy Drive, Goole DN14 6HQ. I will confirm the date of the Reconciliation service as soon as possible. Catherine Murphy

PRZYGOTOWANIE DO PIERWSZEGO SAKRAMENT POKUTY I POJEDNANIA

*Odbędą się 3 spotkania, w których uczestniczyć będą zapisane dzieci oraz rodzic lub opiekun. Spotkania odbędą się w środy 21 i 28 lutego oraz 7 marca 2018 r. W godzinach 18.00-19.00 w katolickiej szkole podstawowej św. Józefa,(****St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School),*** *adres szkoły: Kennedy Drive, Goole DN14 6HQ. Potwierdzę termin tak szybko, jak to możliwe.*

Catherine Murphy