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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) – 8th December 2013

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My dear friends

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Market weekend such a happy occasion. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard in the preparation of the Friday evening Cabaret Supper, the running of the stalls on the Saturday and the Christmas Draw. Around £4000 has been raised for our Parish funds and I am very grateful to all those who made this result possible.

At this stage of our Advent journey we hear the call of John the Baptist to repentance, to prepare the way for the Lord. Our Advent preparation should include the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the priests will be available at the usual times on the next two Saturdays, 14th and 21st December: 10-10:30am and 5:30-6pm. There will also be Confessions on the two remaining Friday evenings, 13th and 20th December, before the 6:30pm Mass, at 5:30pm and then after the Mass at 7pm. We will also be available on Christmas Eve morning, 24th December: 10-11am.

As the opening prayer says on this weekend; "Open our hearts in welcome and remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy".

May God bless you all

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Amy Daggitt, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Piotr Ploskonka, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

UCM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: 1pm to 3pm today. Cardinal Bourne Hall, Hot dogs and soup served from 12.45pm. Make a nativity scene, reindeer food, table and tree decorations, letter to Santa and a special guest appearance! £3 per child, £5 per family.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday February 21st and 28th in the Crypt from 7:30pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry into the Crypt is via the Church [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

MASS REQUESTS: When making Mass Requests please use the brown envelopes provided in Church in preference to other methods. Please state clearly if the Mass is for someone's intentions or for the repose of their soul. Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AT PRIORY STREET for Christmas Flowers.

TODAY, Sunday 8th December 13:30: The Polish Mass will be preceded by a joint procession in honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2013: This year it is transferred to Monday 9th of December. We will celebrate Our Blessed Lady's conception free from the stain of sin with, in addition to the usual Masses, Mass at **6:30pm**. This will be followed by the blessing of the new statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and a Procession. This statue has been purchased thanks to generous donations of benefactors in the parish and Mass will be for their intentions. It will enable us to return the processional statue we have been using to Mgr Gordon Read, to whom grateful thanks are due.

ADVENT SUNDAYS: 8th and 15th (not the 22nd) at 74 Howe Close, the community welcomes you to 4:00pm tea following by Evening Prayer at 4:40pm.

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