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The Divine Infant of Prague Catholic Parish, Syston

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DEC 19		Place/ Parish	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	LITURGY OF THE DAY Divine Office Week II
Sat 7	6.30pm	Syston	Noel Ryan RIP (SJ)	Vigil
Sun 8	9.00am 11.00am	Sileby Syston	Beryl Ford RIP Maura Flood RIP (AT)	2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mon 9	7.00 pm	Syston	St Pio Prayers Word and Communion	The Immaculate Conception
Tues 10	9.30 am	Syston	Holy Souls	Advent Feria or Ss Augustine Webster etc
Wed 11	7.00 pm	Barrow	Beryl Ford RIP	Advent Feria
Thurs 12	9.30 am	Syston	People of the Parish	Advent Feria or Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri 13	9.30 am	Sileby	Bridie Reilly RIP	St Lucy
Sat 14	6.30 pm	Syston	Christy Doyle RIP (CD)	Vigil
Sun 15	9.00am 11.00am	Sileby Syston	Tommy Reilly RIP Michelle Bock RIP (Anniv) (AB)	3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CLOSED DRAW:
New numbers available at £1 per week. Speak to: Monica (Saturday) or Mike (Sunday).
Winners for NOVEMBER:
 £125.00 D. Patterson
 £50.00 B. McFeely
 £25.00 M. Geeson

St Matthew: is currently the hanging in front of the lectern on the Sanctuary. These hangings were originally commissioned by Fr Anthony and are changed each year.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parish Christmas Bazaar - 2-4.30 pm - TODAY
16 Dec: Carols in Town Square - 7 pm
22 Dec: Joint Parish Christmas Carol Concert - 3 pm, Syston
24 Dec: 8.00 pm Carols 8.30 pm Christmas Night Mass
25 Dec: 11.00 am Christmas Day Mass

We pray for the sick, the housebound in our parish and all those who may feel lonely or distressed at this time.
We pray for the sick: O God listen in kindness to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick and grant that all who are oppressed by pain, distress or other afflictions may know that they are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. - *Hail Mary ...*

Flowers in Church- Just a reminder about flowers. If anyone is willing to help in any way with this or join with helping at Christmas time then it will be much appreciated. Please look at the Rota on the noticeboard. **Many thanks for any help.**

Children's Liturgy: New members to join the Children's Liturgy rota are always welcome. The more helpers the better. A DBS check is needed for any new volunteers, Anita Black is our Safeguarding rep. **Rotas on the noticeboard.**

Greeting and Teas and Coffees: Helping out with greeting before 11 am Mass is very rewarding. The 'Bring Back the Bacon' is very popular and enjoyed by all. Help also needed on the Teas/Coffees Rota.

Please have a look at the Notice Board on the wall opposite the main doors. The church is asking all Catholics to become more familiar with scripture as St Jerome said: 'he who is ignorant of scripture is ignorant of Christ'

Collection for weekend of:
1.12.19 incl Rosmini
 Gift Aid: 186.00
 Loose: 254.37
 Total: £440.37
Christmas Flower Collection - £154, thanks!

Collection next weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes

Your RED BOXES are now due in for emptying please.
 Thx Monica

FAITH IN FAMILY boxes are now due in for emptying please. Thx Helga

CAFOD: Gift catalogues on the table in the porch for anyone wishing to support this very worthy charity.

House of Prayer

The reason why we dip our fingers into Holy water coming into Church is because we recognise, we are entering a Holy place which needs to be a place where people can pray in a spirit of quiet. It is best if the talking before and after Mass is kept to a minimum. The priest may no longer be at the sanctuary before and after Mass but our Lord is still in the tabernacle. In 1917 when Our Lady appeared at Fatima (Portugal) she told the three children saints that Our Lord is very displeased with people talking in Church. Thank you..Fr John

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

THIS Tuesday, 10 December, there will be a Reconciliation Service here at the Divine Infant at 7 pm. There will be three priests in attendance for any confessions.

Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means coming. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the feast of the Apostle Andrew (November 30th). It is the beginning of the Churches liturgical year. Advent developed into its present form thanks to the liturgical work of Pope Gregory 1st (590-604) who composed prayers, antiphons and the psalm responses.