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3rd Advent Sunday B -Weekday Readings of Advent given
 Sunday Preface II of Advent, Eucharist Prayer: II
GOSPEL: I baptise you with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming!
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Dec 2017	Time	Place/ Parish	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	LITURGY OF THE DAY Divine Office Week: 3 Mem. Acclamation: 3
Sat 16 th	6.30pm	Syston	For Christy Doyle R.I.P	Our Lady – Votive Mass 3 rd Advent Sunday Vigil
Sun 17 th	9.00am 11.00am	Sibleby Syston	Intentions of all parishioners (welcome to new parishioners) Happy repose of the soul of Joseph Pinto R.I.P	Third Sunday of Advent – Year B
Mon 18 th	9.30am	Syston	Intentions of Verity Elliot, Lorraine, Peter & Family	Advent Feria
Tue 19 th	9.30am	Syston	Intentions & prayers of Mary Allsop & all her family	Advent Feria
Wed 20 th	9.30pm	Syston	For all who helped/support our Christmas Bazaar	Advent Feria
Thu 21 st	9.30am	Syston	Intention and prayers of Sylvia Lawson and family	Advent Feria
Fri 22 nd	9.30am	Syston	For the repose of the soul of Edmund Bengston	Advent Feria
Sat 23 rd	9.30am 6.30 pm	Syston Syston	For the sick, lonely and all struggling in our parish For the repose of the soul of Ann Rogers R.I.P	4th Advent Sunday Vigil
Sun 24 th	9.00am 11.00am	Sibleby Syston	Intentions and prayers of the people of the parish For the intentions, prayers and health of Sally Quinn	Fourth Sunday of Advent. YEAR B

SYSTON CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
 1) Sunday 24th December Christmas Vigil Mass in Syston at 7.45pm
 2) Midnight Mass Syston 11.30pm
 3) Christmas Day Mass 11.00am

Celebrate Christmas with dignity and devotion: Holy Mother the Church invites her faithful members to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord with great dignity and devotion. It is only at Christmas when holy Church call us all, in an extra-ordinary way, to gather in the middle of the night and celebrate the solemn Mass of Christ who is the light of the world. **Please pause and think: what is that prayer that you need to bring to the Divine Infant, Christ Child, in the middle of the night?** As the Church celebrates this Mass, we bring to the altar of God every situation in our lives along with everyone and every place where the light of Christ has been dimmed or ignored. This Midnight Mass will be celebrated in Syston at 11.30pm and everyone is invited.

Holy Mother Church highlights the supreme beauty of Christmas by celebrating the solemn Liturgy of the Mass **FOUR TIMES:** at the Vigil Mass, at the Mass during the Night, at the Mass at Dawn and at the Mass during the Day. This is AMAZING!
 Please make an extra effort to join in one/some of the Christmas liturgies of the solemn Masses as you offer your prayers. Please remember to pray for those who may be lonely or emotional this Christmas. Thanks.

Poor and Needy parishes: In TODAY'S COLLECTION, Bishop Patrick requests that we help parishes struggling to pay their bills.

Please Return Faith in Families Boxes for emptying and banking - leave them in Sacristy or give to Gerald Skevington. Thanks.

Christmas Carols today 17th Dec. in Syston at 3.30pm. Please invite your family and friends. Thanks.

MY GRATEFUL THANKS to everyone for your Christmas cards, gifts including cash and cheque donations which I received for my personal needs. I am truly touched by your kindness. May I gently ask everyone NOT to give me any more material gifts for I will end up having many of the same kind! However, YOUR GIFT OF cash or cheque donations will be gratefully received. Most vitally, please help me with your prayers. **I pray for your blessings and a very peaceful Christmas.** Fr. Clement

SYSTON Christmas Carols in the Square on Monday 18th Dec at 7pm. All invited.

For those who may be alone this Christmas Season, please let me know as I will be happy to visit you for a chat and cuppa. Please note I will NOT be able to consume solid food, like the "Vicar of Dibley". I was truly touched when a parishioner said: "Father, I will be on my own this Christmas!"

CHRISTMAS is a wonderful time to SUPPORT and PRAY for the UNBORN AND ALL VICTIMS OF ABORTION. Abortion is the willful destruction of a human life - valuable in itself, whether wanted or not by the parents, whether able/ genius/ deformed or disabled. No person has the right to kill innocent babies in the womb who have not in themselves offended anyone. Seeing how free and easily accessible abortion is today, we admit that there are some of our people who may not be alive today if they were to be born after the Abortion Act was passed in 1967. How sad! **A good Christmas is pro-life!**

Let us pray the Angelus daily in Advent/Christmas Season:
 V: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
 R: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary.....
 V: Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord.
 R: Be it done unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary....
 V: And the Word was made flesh (genueflect/bow) R: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...
 V: Pray for us O holy Mother of God,
 R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
 V: Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross + be brought to the glory of his resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFESSIONS available 30 minutes before every Mass in Advent. I will be waiting in Sacristy. ALL are invited to celebrate this sacrament

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR raised £2015.52 so far.
 Our Christmas Fayre provided the opportunity for us as a parish to welcome the local community into our parish and so fulfil our Christian mission to witness in the world around us. **It was a GREAT SUCCESS. Thank you all from the Bottom of my Heart for all your help and support.**