

Ss Mary and David, Hawick Our Lady and St Joseph, Selkirk

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DEC 2017	HAWICK	SELKIRK	FEASTS/INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 24 th Christmas Eve	Holy Mass 11.30 am (Sunday) Carol Service 8.30 pm Christmas Vigil 9.00 pm	Carol Service 5.00 pm (Sunday) Christmas Eve Vigil 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Fr Kevin Douglas SI
Mon 25th The Nativity of the Lord	Holy Mass 11.30 am	Holy Mass 9.30 am	John McNally RIP
Tues 26 th	Holy Mass 10.00 am	10.00 am Morning Prayer	<i>Feast of St Stephen</i> Franciszek RIP & Fr Edward (Twin)
Wed 27 th	No Services	Holy Mass 10.00 am	<i>Feast of St John</i> Fr Michael John Galbraith SI
Thurs 28 th	No Service	10.00 am Morning Prayer	<i>Feast of The Holy Innocents</i>
Fri 29 th	Holy Mass 10.00 am Rosary 9.30 am 10.30 am Divine Mercy	10.00 am Morning Prayer	Fr Jeremy Bath SI
Sat 30 th	Holy Mass 9.30 am 10 – 11 am Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction	Holy Mass 6.00 pm (Sat Vigil)	Peter Quinn RIP Sr Eucharika & the Franciscan Minoresses
Sun 31st	Holy Mass 11.30 am	No Service	People of the Parish Jadwiga Gatka RIP
Mon 1st Jan 2018	Holy Mass 11.30 am	Holy Mass 9.30 am	<i>Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God</i> <i>In thanksgiving for 2017 and blessing 2018</i>
CONFESSIONS Hawick – Saturday 10.00 – 10.50 am Selkirk – Saturday 5.30 – 5.45 pm		This Sunday — Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B: Divine Office Vol 1 week 3 Next Sunday – Feast of The Holy Family:	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

BLESSED CHRISTMAS



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is completed only when it reaches the heart of man. May your Christmas be touched by the presence of Jesus Christ. May His love, peace, light, and joy be in your hearts always. Have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Wishing you the blessings of this Holy Season and my best wishes for the coming New Year.

Fr Edward Wanat SDS

GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:

- To your enemy . . . forgiveness,
 - To your opponent . . . tolerance.
 - To a friend . . . your heart.
 - To a customer . . . service.
 - To all men . . . charity.
 - To every child . . . a good example
 - To yourself . . . respect
- Author Unknown*

On Christmas Eve a book gift: "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly will be given to the parishioners of Selkirk and Hawick – an invitation to read it to get to know Jesus and welcome Him as our beloved Saviour.

World Day of the Poor Holy Mass

Please pick up a copy of the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, given at the Vatican Basilica on the 19th November 2017.

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The first Monday of every month at 7.00 pm there will be a Holy Mass at the National Shrine of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, to pray for her Beatification, with refreshments afterwards.

HAWICK

Justice & Peace Apostleship of prayer

Please pray with the Holy Father Pope Francis for his intention for the month of December:

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

The Justice & Peace Group are conducting a survey with regard to which charities and voluntary organisations are supported by the people of the parish. Please pick up a copy at the back of the church.

Social Group - Welcome

We will have mince pies and mulled wine after the Christmas Vigil in the church hall.

New Parishioners

There are cards available at the back of the church to fill in if you are new to our parish. *Thank you*

Pass-keepers

Could we please appeal for people to join our list of pass-keepers, no experience required, there will be a list of duties provided.

SELKIRK

The weather is deteriorating and could be a lot worse over the Christmas/New Year period. It's the time when some people have to choose between buying food or using their money to heat their homes.

If you are aware of people in our area who are struggling between 'eating or heating', particularly older people or those with young children, please get in touch with the Emergency Duty Team at Scottish Borders Council on 01896 752111. They will take calls and refer those in need back to us at Selkirk Foodbank as our phone will also be on over the holiday.

We received an amazing amount of food donations last week at the Tesco event. We were also given a generous cash donation by the Souter Stormers which

we will use to buy personal hygiene products. These will be gifted as an extra to anyone who receives a food parcel over the Festive season.

Our church is sparkling clean after four of our ladies washed, hoovered and polished on Tuesday morning. Thank you very much ladies, Our Lady and St Joseph's looks beautiful for our Christmas services.

Wednesday coffee mornings will NOT re-start after New Year due to lack of support over the past six months. Thank you to everyone who has supported us since we started in February 2012. We have raised a magnificent £13,344 in that time. Very special thanks to everyone who has helped on Wednesday mornings this year. The event would not have continued this year without you.

FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Those who are sick or housebound

Margaret Calvin, Nancy Conaghan, Margot Loftus, Jackie Thomson, Jenny Tierney, Stephen Walsh, Jean Taddej, Clare O'Neill, Pauline Devine, Eddie Smith, Bernadette Cannon, Betty Wilson, Veronica Douglas, Pat Thompson, Isabella Hill, Margaret McGrath, Lilian McKenzie, Barbara Thirlwell, John Muldoon, Pat Armstrong, Tom Raeburn, John Nicholas, Alf Oliver, David & Christine Davidson.

Those who are recently deceased

Sarah Higgins, Anne Donnelly, Ella Lafferty, Margaret Coleman, Rosa Smulski, David Aitken, Tommy Philbin, Lorraine Hughes, Rosa McGowan, Vic Law, Mary McConnell, Brendan Bain, Chrissie McLaughlin, Margaret Aynsley, Vincent Cannon, Jan Filipiec, May Lafferty, Paddy-Ann Hillhouse (Dan Maguire's sister), Peter Quinn, Nicky Haggerty.

Those whose anniversary occurs in December

Kathleen McCall, Christina Herbert, Christine Lucy McQueen, Ruth Margaret O'Donnell, Sarah Higgins, Miu Sheung Yeung, Helena Marie Therese Lafferty, Anne Donnelly

FINANCE

Collections Sat/Sun 16th /17th December 2017

Hawick	£372.33
Hawick 10/12/17	£377.37
Selkirk	Next Week

Hawick Repair Fund

Hawick Repair Fund to date is **£6,633.00**
Many Thanks!

