

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

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NOV/DEC 2017	HAWICK	SELKIRK	FEASTS/INTENTIONS
SAT/SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun in Advent 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Holy Mass 11.30 am	Holy Mass 6.00 pm (Sat Vigil)	People of the Parish
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Service	Holy Mass 10.00 am	St John Damascene
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Mass 10.00 am	10.00 am Morning Prayer	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy (in house) 5.00 pm Reception of the Body	Requiem Holy Mass 11.00 am Peter Quinn RIP	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem Holy Mass 10.00 am Nicky Haggerty RIP	10.00 am Morning Prayer	<i>Solemnity of St Andrew</i>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Mass 10.00 am Rosary 9.30 am 10.30 am Divine Mercy	10.00 am Morning Prayer	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Mass 9.30 am 10 – 11 am Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction	Holy Mass 6.00 pm (Sat Vigil)	<i>Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
CONFESSIONS Hawick – Saturday 10.00 – 10.50 am Selkirk – Saturday 5.30 – 5.45 pm		<b>This Sunday</b> – This Sunday – First Sunday of Advent: Divine Office Vol 1 Week 1 (Cycle B) Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent Year B: Divine Office Vol 1 Week 2	

## PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

**Pope Francis during his Nov. 15, 2017 general audience in St. Peter's Square said:**

*"...When we go to Holy Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those in front of us; it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus; silence is so important. The Holy Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, the silence is what prepares us and accompanies us. But to really understand this, first we have to answer a question. And that is: What is prayer? Prayer is, first and foremost dialogue, personal relationship with God, and in prayer, just like in any dialogue, it needs moments of silence together with Jesus. This is because it is only in the mysterious silence of*

*God that his Word can resound in our heart... To pray is not difficult, and is something that Jesus himself taught us to do first of all by example, when in the Gospels he withdraws to a secluded place to pray... Jesus surprises us in truth by loving us and calling us even in our weaknesses... as Christ called his disciples, he also calls us to him at each Holy Mass. This is therefore the greatest grace: to be able to experience the Holy Mass, the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the privileged moment to be with Jesus and through Him with God and his brothers and sisters."*

### Christmas Confession and Holy Mass Times

13th December 6.30 pm	Galashiels
20 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm	Hawick
21 <sup>st</sup> December 7.00 pm	Selkirk
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December –	Sunday Vigil 5.30 pm Selkirk
“ “	Sunday Vigil 9.00 pm Hawick
“ “	Carol Service 8.30 am Hawick
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Day</b>
“ “	Monday 9.30 am Selkirk
“ “	Monday 11.30 am Hawick

### Edinburgh Nativity Scene

Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3 pm in St Andrew Square Gardens. Come and join Archbishop Leo Cushley in blessing the Nativity Scene and the Rev Colin Sinclair, Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery, who will give the Christmas Message. Please see poster on Notice Board.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### Messy Church

This is an ecumenical, bible-based children's club which we will be holding in our hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 1 – 3.30 pm. Could we appear for sandwiches, crisps and cakes – child friendly – for approximately 20 children.

### Meeting with parents of First Holy Communion –

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm in the church hall.  
First Holy Communion - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 at 11.30 am.

### Justice & Peace Apostleship of prayer

Please include in your daily prayers Pope Francis's intentions for the month of November:  
**That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.**

### Table Top Decorations for Candlelit Supper

If you can manage, please come along on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and help make the decorations with Eliz Jackson, who will be in the hall at 10.00 am. Donations of cakes and sandwiches would be appreciated.

### 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.

### New Parishioners

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

### SELKIRK

### Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec commencing at 11.30 am with carols in the Church. Forms are at the back of church for your name and number in your party together with your selection of meal. Please complete as soon as possible, space is limited to approx. 40.

### St. Joseph's Christmas Concert

The children will be holding their Christmas Concert in the church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. There will be two performances at 2pm and 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall after the evening performance. Please come along and support the children, they have worked very hard on this.

**The United Reformed Church**, in Selkirk, will close in December and a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm led by the Synod Moderator the Rev Dr David Pickering. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to attend this service. Please let Sue know by 1<sup>st</sup> December if you would like to attend as space will be limited.

### FOR WHOM WE PRAY

#### Those who are sick or housebound

Margaret Calvin, Nancy Conaghan, Margot Loftus, Jackie Thomson, Jenny Tierney, Nicky Haggerty, Stephen Walsh, Jean Taddei, 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

#### 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 November

Rose MacDonald, Gerard McHugh, Mary W Bell, Theresa Cochrane, George Turnbull, Helen Dunne, Hanna(John) Al Khoury, Annie White Adams, Irene Philbin, Bruce Robertson

### FINANCE

Collections Sat/Sun 25/26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Hawick	£547.10
Selkirk	£228.30
Selkirk Special Collection	£60.67
Selkirk Craft and Coffee	£380.00 (towards Disable Toilet Fund)

### Hawick Repair Fund

Hawick Repair Fund to date is **£6,598.00**  
Many Thanks!