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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15th January 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	Denis McCarthy
Sunday	9.30 am	People of the Parish

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am

Private Intention

Tuesday [St Anthony, abbot]

9.00 am

Denis McCarthy

Wednesday [Feria *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*]

9.00 am

Agnes and Family

Thursday [St Wulstan, bishop]

9.00 am

Denis McCarthy

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am

Nina Clark

Saturday [St Agnes, virgin and martyr]

9.00 am

Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Harry Poole; John Cyril Crossley; James McGauley; Albert Lees; Fr Edward Kirner (former parish priest); Enid Lockyer; Doris Ward** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £357.74. Thank you.

Copies of the 2017 edition of the Diocesan Year Book are available at the back of church, price £3.50.

The annual Parish Finance Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, 5th February. This is an opportunity to look at our income and expenditure in 2016 and to assess the state of our finances. Everyone is welcome.

Because she is One, the Church must always search for unity with those Christians who are still separated from her.

‘The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptised who are honoured by the name of Christian, but do not profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the successor of Peter... Those who believe in Christ and have been properly baptised are put in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church... With the Orthodox Churches this communion is so profound that it lacks little to attain the fullness that would permit a common celebration of the Lord’s Eucharist’ [*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §838]

In obedience to the command of the Lord, ‘May they all be one [John 17:21], the Church makes every effort to re-establish full communion with all those separated Christian brethren. In order to achieve this goal we have to learn to approach one another in mutual esteem and respect, while the theologians of the different churches and communities engage in dialogue with one another, in the hope that one day we all be able to profess the same faith, that of the one Church. This movement is called ‘ecumenism’.

‘Lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and peace. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of all’ [Ephesians 4:1-6]
