

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

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www.sacredheart-coventry/mobile

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The late Cardinal Carlo Martini wrote this beautiful reflection on Christmas:

"..As a mother sings because a child has been born to her, as a brother sings because there is a new sister in the house, as the bride sings for the bridegroom, as a woman sings for the man who fills her life, so the Church sings for Christ Who fills every human life with fullness.

The Church sings this day about the birth of the Son of God Who is our life, Who changes our existence, Who touches the individual moments of our experience, because he takes on Himself sin, sadness, desires and hopes. ..God is able to reverse our life situation just as he reversed the situation, the human judgement, on Jesus' life..he comes to create inside me, beginning from me, from my

community, a reversal of values and so give a new hope to my existence."

In this last weekend before Christmas may we come to understand that the gift God offers is greater than we could dare to hope for.

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

24th December, 2017	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. (B)	
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Preface 2 of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer 2.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Charlie and Evelyn Russell & Charlie Jnr, R.I.P. (Margaret Ward)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES	
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Carols around the Crib for children
Christmas Eve	5.00pm Mass Mary McSharry, R.I.P. (Linda O'Malley)
Christmas Eve	8.00pm Carols
Christmas Eve	8.30pm Mass Paul and Jacinta Farrell - 20 th wedding anniversary (Mary Henry)
Christmas Day	10.30am Mass Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P. (John, Elizabeth and Veronica) And a special guest will be coming at the end of Mass!
Tuesday 26 th 10.00am	Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr. Special Intention (Maria)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Liam Hannigan, R.I.P. (Celine McCrea)
Thursday 9.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents. Robert Gamble, R.I.P. (Ann O'Neill)
Friday 9.00am	Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr. Betty Furlong, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Special Intention
Confessions	Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm -4.50pm.
31st December, 2017	
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY.. (B)	
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Preface II of the Nativity. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Sarah and Maureen Jennings, R.I.P. (Hurley Family)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



If you hear the fire alarm leave by the nearest exit following the instructions of the fire marshals. The Assembly Point is in the car park

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BABY CHANGING UNIT Provided in the disabled toilet.



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church. Thank you.

Last week's Offertory: £888.40 (Gift-Aid: £177.00 non Gift-Aid: £409.40 Bank Credits: £302.00.). Thank you very much. December collection for Our Hopes: £174.16 {Gift-Aid: £58.10 non Gift-Aid: £116.06}

Counters this week Team C. (Counting rotas for 2018 can be collected from the sacristy.)

At the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Masses there is only one collection which is your Christmas Offerings for your priest. Envelopes are available at the back of Church if you would like to use them

7-Day Candles: 23rd – 30th December.

Sacred Heart: Tincy (Special Intention); Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Seamus O'Sullivan, R.I.P. (Kitty)

Our Lady: Deceased members of MacIntyre Family; Alisha Family Protection; Ken Brown, R.I.P. (Bridie); Deceased of Heffernan and Fitzgerald Families.

By the small Crucifix: Mary Brown (Bridie); Tom McInerney, R.I.P. (Bridie); John Murphy.

NEW YEAR PARTY/DISCO IN THE PARISH HALL.

31st December 2017 at 8.00pm to 1st January 2018 at 1.00am. Tickets £5 each. Light food, soft drinks, coffee and tea on sale. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. 60's and 70's music and theme, fancy dress optional. Not suitable for children under the age of 8. Tickets on sale after Mass – limited availability.

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter is up and running through the winter until 31st March 2018.

The Catholic community is represented by the shelter at St Osburgs on Wednesday nights, and it also coordinates Monday nights at St Columbas.

Throughout this time we are hoping for donations of the following items in the night shelter box in the foyer:

Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Mens boxers - size small, Mens body spray/spray deodorant, Drinking chocolate,

Cupasoup, Pot noodles, Squash, Biscuits, Cereals (small variety pack type) Tooth brushes, Tooth paste, Disposable razors. Any donations of cash (or cheque or bank transfer) will also be very gratefully received to help with the costs of heating the very large hall at St Osburgs.

VERY IMPORTANT. ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?

Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. Visit

<http://cbcew.org.uk/education-cap>

To urge the Government to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Please remember in your prayers Joyce Powell, Etta Montague, Angel Nyanzi, Austin O'Malley, Karen Pattinson, Alan Stanley, Suzanne Martin, Larry O'Brien, Brendan Duffy, Carol Burton, Jane Malone (Allsop), Kevin Casey, Maureen Bell, Joan O'Keefe, Christopher, Catherine and Clifford Browne, Winnie Coleman, Angel Nyanzi, Peter Gibbons, Kathleen Tierney, James O'Brien, Kitty Bracken, Maria Scott, Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Bridie McAndrew, Benny McAndrew, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Kieran McClean, Edward Kong and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER VIGILS On the first Friday of every month. from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. The next one will be on Friday 5th January.

Prayer Group meets again after the holidays

There are now 118 of you receiving the weekly newsletter by email! Please send me an email to request the Newsletter. parish@sacredheart-coventry.org **Over 50's meet on Mondays in the Hall.** Please see noticeboard for date of next meeting. New members welcome.

LiveSimply Prayer

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen.