

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

The dates of Second Collections for 2018 which every parish must have, are available on the website under the Newsletters tab. For those without internet a copy is stapled to this newsletter

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."

31st December, 2017 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. (B) Parish Mass Book page 32. 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.
Monday 10.00am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD. Parish Mass Book page 45 Josie Dwyer, R.I.P. (Kathleen Grady)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. John Gibbons, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am	Kathleen McDade, R.I.P. (The Henry Family.)
Friday 9.00am	Patrick Cummins (Syl and Boo Cullen)
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Special Intention
Confessions	Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm -4.50pm.
7th January, 2018. SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B) Parish Mass Book page 49. Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Aideen Perry, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)



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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An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing-Aid to 'T'



BABY CHANGING UNIT
Provided in the disabled toilet.



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

Last week's Offertory: £1,055.48 (Gift-Aid: £251.00 non Gift-Aid: £502.48 Bank Credits: £302.00.). Thank you very much. The Christmas Shop brought in another £555.00. **A big Thank You** to the Keralan community for organising the Christmas Raffle which raised a magnificent £3,450.00! The list of winners is in the porch.
Counters this week Team D. (Counting rotas for 2018 can be collected from the sacristy.)

Thank you so much for your wonderfully kind and generous Christmas Offerings and all the many cards and gifts. May God bless you all,

Fr. Tony.

7-Day Candles: 30th December – 6th January.

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

Our Lady: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Alisha Family Protection; Angela Dronfield.

By the small Crucifix:

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.

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 123 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.