

# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

**When we receive a precious gift from someone who loves us dearly, we will treasure that gift and look after it.** God has given us the gift of this world, but we're not looking after the planet. Pope Francis has produced an Encyclical called Laudate Si in which he invites us all to live more simply. Our parish would like to become a Live Simply parish. **Will you help?** Please come to the meeting in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm.**

**There is an online retreat for Lent which you can access through the Parish Website.**

**Hearts and Rainbows** Mums and toddlers group has restarted in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings.

Really friendly and a great way for Mums to have some time together – do go along.

**Next Quiz Night will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. 7.30pm.**

Admission £2. Food available. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds towards the church roof repairs. Do come along – great fun for everyone.

**Afternoon Tea on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 12.30 – 2.00pm. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK**

**IN ADVANCE.** Please see one of the Team. **You cannot turn up on the day unless you have already booked.**

**The talk by** a representative from Street Pastors who will be coming to talk to us to explain their work and ask for volunteers, has been postponed to 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March. This is a very successful ecumenical project.

**Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** from 12.00pm – 4.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Canley. Led by Fr Harry Curtis. **Can Eucharistic Ministers please let me know if you can go and I will send the list on to Fr Harry.**

God Bless,

*Fr. Tony.*

5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017. First Sunday of Lent (A)	
Parish Mass Book Page 77.	
Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I	
Saturday 5.00pm	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Kevin Gibney, R.I.P. (Eileen Gibney)
Monday 9.00am	Tom McEnerney, R.I.P. (Bridie O'Brien and Family)
Wednesday 9.00am	Betty Wainwright, R.I.P. (Anne and Maurice)
Thursday 9.00am	John Gibson, R.I.P.
Friday 9.00am	Carmel Duffy (Syl and Boo Cullen)
Saturday 8.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
9.00am	Thomas Gallagher.
Confessions	9.30 – 10.00am and 4.30 -4.50pm
12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Second Sunday of Lent (A)	
Parish Mass Book Page 80.	
Preface of the Second Sunday of Lent. Eucharistic Prayer 2.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Monica Boyle, R.I.P. (Allan and Rose Crowley.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



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**Last week's Offertory:** £795.98 (Gift-Aid £186.00 non Gift-Aid: £307.98 Bank Credits: £302.00.) Thank you very much. **This weekend** collection for the maintenance of the Cathedral. **Next weekend** collection for **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** which is on Friday. Please take home an envelope and return it next weekend. **Jumble sale** brought in a wonderful £548.23. Many thanks to all who helped and supported.

**Counters this week: Team D.**

**7-Day Candles: 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Sacred Heart:** Tincy (Special Intention.); Mahima Mahesh (Special Intention.)

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

**By the small Crucifix:**

**Please remember in your prayers** Suzanne Martin, Larry O'Brien, Brendan Duffy, Carol Burton, Jane Malone (Allsop), Eamon Finlan, Kevin Casey, Maureen Bell, Dulcie Stalker, Joan O'Keefe, Christopher, Catherine and Clifford Browne, Winnie Coleman, Angel Nanyanzi, Ron Hamilton, Peter Gibbons, Kathleen Tierney, James O'Brien, Kitty Bracken, Eileen Franey, Maria Scott, Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Bridie McAndrew, Benny McAndrew, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Ann Duffy, Bridie Power, Mary Hancock and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers the families of all those who are sick and those who have died.

**Over 50's meet in the Hall** every fortnight on a Monday. Please see noticeboard for date of next meeting.

**PRAYER VIGILS** On the first Friday of every month. So that younger people are able to come these will run from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. The next one will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to know more**

**about your faith? Are you a non-Catholic in a Catholic family who would just like to understand the Catholic faith better?** Our series of meetings on the Catholic Faith **continue Thursday evenings** from 7.30pm -8.45pm in the Parish Hall. They are very friendly with tea/coffee and biscuits. **DO COME ALONG**

**40 Days for Life Launch event:** 'Spiritual Warfare Bootcamp' Deepen your faith this Lent by coming to learn about the spiritual essentials for the pro-life battle with 7 local priests. Please see poster for details. **40 Days for Life Prayerful Witness Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 9th April** Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. To find out more or book your slot please contact Isabel by on 07773 501721 or by email [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)

**The Romero Catholic Academy** are looking for two experienced, self-employed clerks to support their Academy of 8 schools and Board of Directors. Hourly Rate £10 -£15 per hour (Dependant on experience) For further information regarding this vacancy please visit our website: [www.romeromac.com/vacancies](http://www.romeromac.com/vacancies)

**Fully escorted 5 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.** £649 per person sharing. For more information Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Annual Mass of St Patrick** Will be celebrated at Ss Mary and Benedict's Church, Raglan Street, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

#### **Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Consecration of the Church**

Almighty Father, we give you thanks for the Consecration of our Church. Send your Spirit from heaven to make this church an ever holy place, a house of prayer and action reaching out to those in any need. Build the temple of your spirit deep within us, creating its beauty from the holiness of our lives, that we may be living stones proclaiming the gospel by our words and our deeds. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.