

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

THIS SUNDAY – 4.00PM BLESSING OF THE CRIB IN BROADGATE OPPOSITE PRIMARK BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME ALONG.

FOOD FOR OUR NEEDY FAMILIES IN THE PARISH.

Each year you are so kind in donating food and toys for the children. **THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER. ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER THE SCHOOL WILL COLLECT THEM AND DISTRIBUTE THEM.** No fresh food, only tinned/non-perishable food items. Food and toys for the children can be left by the altar.

Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on **Friday December 6th**. We will be meeting on a Friday evening in the Hall promptly at 7.00pm finishing by 8.30pm at the latest. We will be using some excellent DVD's and a chance to meet others and talk together over a cup of tea/coffee.

Sacred Heart School Carol Concert will be on Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm. Please do come along. The carol concerts are always magnificent.

The Sower our Free diocesan magazine is now available – please take a copy. It can also be accessed via

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/dioce-san-magazine>

A visit to the theatre - Friday 31st January - evening performance of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. £40 per person, includes return coach travel. Payment by instalments if preferred.

Tickets for both events available from Paul and Sue or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/sacred-Heart-church

God Bless,

Fr. Tony.

1st December, 2019. First Sunday of Advent (A) Parish Mass Book page 26. Preface I of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Henry Connolly, R.I.P. (June Connolly)
Sunday 10.30am 4.00pm	For all the people of the Parish. Blessing of the Crib in Broadgate opposite Primark by the Christmas tree.
Monday 9.00am	For all our departed loved ones.
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. John Meehan, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am	Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop. Special Intention.
Friday 9.00am	My sister's surgery (Christine Baby)
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mr and Mrs Connolly
Confessions:	Saturday: 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm - 4.50pm
8th December, 2019. Second Sunday of Advent (A) Parish Mass Book page 28 Preface I of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Kevin McFadden (McFadden 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: £825.07 (Gift-Aid: £186.01 non Gift-Aid: £337.06 Bank Credits: £302.00.). Thank you very much.

Collection for Youth Sunday: £89.54

Next weekend collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

The Bazaar brought in a wonderful £800.00 after all expenses and the Keralan Music Night an astonishing £2,345.67. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

Counters this week: Team B.

Counting Rotas for 2020 For those not on email the Counting Rotas for next year are available for collection from the sacristy.

7-Day Candles: 30th November – 7th December

Sacred Heart: Jacob Family Special Intention; Alisha Family Protection.

Our Lady: Ciara Special Intention; Tincy Special Intention; Akujobis Special Intention.

By the small Crucifix: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.

CARDINAL WISEMAN SCHOOL is looking for a reliable person to drive students in the school minibus, on a casual basis, this will be paid with an hourly rate of £9.36 Essential: a calm, polite manner, a clean driving license (category D1 specified) and DBS approval. If you are interested, contact Katie Pethullis on 76617231

Help needed. Would you be willing to test the emergency lighting and fire alarms once a month. Its not a long job, but very important.

NEW PIETY STALL. Help needed! We will be launching a new piety stall at the Christmas Bazaar which will then be available every weekend at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. We need volunteers - young people welcome to run the stall for both Saturday and Sunday. Also needed are volunteers to run the paper stall on Sunday mornings. Please see me if you can help.

Evening Rosary. The Rosary will now be prayed each **Wednesday** evening after the 6.30pm Mass for the specific intention of "Families." **Morning Rosary** said after morning Masses each day

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

If you would like your name or the name of a friend or relative to be printed in the newsletter in the prayers for those who are sick, **please complete a consent form, available from the sacristy, as we now need consent.**

Please remember in your prayers Mr Ndunaka, Josephine and Timothy Onwuekwe, Jan Rattray, Fr George Bennett, Benny and Bridie McAndrew, Eunan MacIntyre, Matt Moten, Rosie Hallett, Maria Scott, Winnie Coleman, and all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of Filomena Alonge, Weston Packeer and all who have died.

PRAYER VIGILS On the first Friday of every month. from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. The next one will be on Friday 6th December.

157 of you and still Growing! are now receiving the weekly newsletter by email (Your email addresses cannot be seen by anyone else) 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.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION – Fr McKiernan Memorial Mass will be on Friday 13th December at 7.00pm at Christ the King Church. All welcome

MARRIAGE MATTERS

(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

First Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14: Matthew 24:37-44)

Walk in the light of the Lord

God's Word is clear – we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to- day lives. To live as couples in the 'present moment' more often, we need to apply ourselves to today's call from Jesus to "stay awake". Also St Paul tells us, "the time has come: you must wake up now", because now is all we have.

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.