

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

THE LIST OF ALL OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MASS TIMES IS STAPLED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. Please take home and keep safe. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE. See attached sheet.

MUMS AND TODDLERS PRE-SCHOOL GROUP meet every Tuesday morning in the Hall from 9.30am – 11.00am.

SHY (Sacred Heart Youth) Disco Party on Friday 13th December from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. £2.50 per ticket. Refreshments and snacks included in the price. Tickets on sale from Paul & Sue after Masses this weekend.

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 on the tables by the Baptism font.

Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on **Friday December 20th**. 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.

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.*

8th December, 2019.	
Second Sunday of Advent (A)	
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Preface I of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Kevin McFadden (McFadden family)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the parish.
Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9.00am	Stephen Madden, R.I.P.
6.00pm	Year 3 First Reconciliation.
Wednesday	
5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6.30pm	Gerry Griffin, R.I.P. (Kathleen and John)
Thursday	
9.00am	Pauline Darcy, R.I.P. (Joe Hamil)
Friday	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.
9.00am	Siju Simon (S. Simon)
Saturday	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church.
8.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
9.00am	Special Intention.
Confessions:	Saturday: 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm - 4.50pm
15th December, 2019.	
Third Sunday of Advent (A)	
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Saturday 5.00pm	Special Intention C.M.
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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Last week's Offertory: £1,022.54 (Gift-Aid: £194.50 non Gift-Aid: £526.04 Bank Credits: £302.00.). Thank you very much.

This weekend collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Next weekend collection for flowers for the altar for Christmas.

The Quiz Night brought in a wonderful £230.00 and the **Cabaret Night** a wonderful £232.00

Counters this week: Team C.

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: 7th – 14th December

Sacred Heart: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Jacob Family Special Intention; Tincy Special Intention;

Our Lady: Alisha Family Protection; Phil Keenan, R.I.P.; Special Request.

By the small Crucifix:

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.**

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.

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 3rd January.

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.



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Hello Everyone,

This is the list of our Advent and Christmas services and Mass times. I thought it would help to send it out in plenty of time and you may want to place it somewhere where all the family can see it. Advent is always a very busy time.

“God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming.”

Monday December 16th at 7.00pm. Our Penance Service. There will be five priests available to hear confessions, so no-one will be rushed or delayed. In naming our sins we are also admitting to God and to ourselves why we need His forgiveness: “this is what I have done or failed to do” and we rejoice that not only do we receive His divine forgiveness, but He recreates in us the glorious image of His Son. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a beautiful gift from God and so necessary for us all.

Wednesday December 18th 6.30pm. School Carol Service in Church. If you haven't been before put the date in your diaries! – And come early to get a parking space. **(Parking is available in the school playground)** This is always a magnificent celebration, unlike any other carol service. It is truly outstanding from a truly outstanding school.

Tuesday 24th December. Christmas Eve.
4.00pm Children’s Carols around the stable in the Church Hall – This is always a lovely celebration for very young children.

5.00pm Mass
8.00pm Carols and at
8.30pm Mass.

Wednesday 25th December. Christmas Day
10.30am Mass (And a special guest will be coming at the end of Mass!)

Thursday 26th December. Feast of St Stephen the first martyr and patron of Altar Servers.
10.00am Mass to which all our Altar Servers are invited.

God bless,

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