

# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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**PLEASE NOTE: PARISH EMAIL AND GIFT-AID EMAIL ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED. SEE ABOVE.**

Dear Parishioners,

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

**New Year's Eve Party. Licensed bar. Admission by ticket only. NO admission on the door.** Tickets must be purchased in advance. Available after Mass, or from:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/sacred-heart-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sacred-heart-church).

*prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wishes to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.*

*Given in Greccio, at the Shrine of the Nativity, on 1 December in the year 2019, the seventh of my Pontificate*

*Franciscus*

God Bless,

*fr. Tony.*

**From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on the meaning and importance of the Nativity scene:**

*Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crib is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realise that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a*

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019.</b>	
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	
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Preface 2 of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	Ernie & Veronica Mills, R.I.P. (John, Elizabeth & Veronica)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Geoff Cole, R.I.P.
<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b>	
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Carols around the stable in the Hall for children
Christmas Eve	<b>5.00pm Mass</b> McCrea Family – Special Intentions
Christmas Eve	8.00pm Carols
Christmas Eve	<b>8.30pm Mass</b> Ginny and Prosper Dowden, R.I.P. (Louisa)
Christmas Day	<b>10.30am Mass</b> Pauline Darcy and Daniel Kirkwood & family (Mary Henry) <b>And a special guest will be coming at the end of Mass!</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	<b>Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr.</b> Heffernan and Fitzgerald Families, R.I.P. (Their family)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	<b>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist.</b> Requiem for Hannah Duffy.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> 8.15am 9.00am	<b>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mr and Mrs Connelly.
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday: 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm - 4.50pm
<b>29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.</b>	
<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. (A)</b>	
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Preface of the Nativity. Eucharistic Prayer 3.	
Saturday 5.00pm	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Jerry Griffin, R.I.P. (Teresa Griffin)



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:** £879.39 (Gift-Aid: £203.00 non Gift-Aid: £374.39 Bank Credits: £302.00.). Thank you very much.  
Collection for flowers for Christmas: £163.19  
500 Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £80.00 No. 788 Mrs berry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £40.00 No. 15 Liz Price; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £20.00 No. 216 Mrs M. Keenan.

**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

**Counters this week:** Team A.  
**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: 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sacred Heart:** McIntyre Family; Muriel Sargeant, R.I.P.; Jacob Family Special Intention.  
**Our Lady:** McCrea Family; jeff Cole, R.I.P.; Gerard Cole, R.I.P. Tincy Special Intention.  
**By the small Crucifix:** Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Brian Egan Special Intention; Special Intention; Tincy and Alisha.

**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.

**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.

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, 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 Hannah Duffy, Sandra Corrigan 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**158 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](mailto: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 Winter Night Shelter need your help** with food and sundries. If you are able to add something from the list to your weekly shop and put it in the box at the back it would be greatly appreciated. Please see poster in porch for list of items needed