

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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All Masses (with and without a congregation) are Livestreamed at the same time
to both the parish Facebook Page and YouTube channel.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXaa0PR2IIDQExUXhzN2lg>

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure we all wish our very best wishes to Maria Henry and Owain McBride who were married here last Saturday – congratulations Mr and Mrs McBride!

'Margaret the giraffe' named after Margaret Keenan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ze8h11ZHjFM>

Online Adult Alpha course. As promised we're starting this after Christmas. **Our first session will be on Wednesday February 3rd.** If you are interested, please email me.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on St. Joseph:

"our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people; people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

(A smile for you all on page 2!)

20 th December, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Ann MacIntyre, R.I.P. 4 th anniversary. (McCrea family)
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Thomas and Kathleen Hale, R.I.P.
Tuesday 9.00am	Austin O'Malley, R.I.P. (Peggy O'Malley)
Wednesday 6.30pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Geoff Cole, R.I.P. (Julie and John)
Thursday 4.00pm 7.00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Both Public Masses are with Congregations. Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P. (John, Elizabeth & Veronica) Eunan, Celine and Ann MacIntyre, R.I.P. (McCrea Family)
Friday 10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Public Mass with Congregation. Jerry Griffin, R.I.P. (Teresa Griffin)
Saturday 9.00am	Feast of St. Stephen the first Martyr. Fr. David Duggan, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 4.30pm -5.00pm
27 th December, 2020 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Kevin Gibney, R.I.P.
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. 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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Provided in the disabled toilet.



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

Last week's Offertory: £900.59 Gift-Aid envelopes: £95.00 non Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £425.59 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £380.00 Thank you very much. Retiring collection for Peter's Pence: £128.28

This weekend Retiring Collection Holy Places

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

Counting Teams can now resume. For this week it will be **Team D.**

7-Day Candles: 19th – 26th December

Sacred Heart: Theresia Varkey, R.I.P.; Special Intention; Heffernan and Fitzgerald deceased, R.I.P.

Our Lady: Tincy - Special Intention; John, Mary and Marion Birrane, R.I.P.

By the small Crucifix: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Alisha - Family Protection.

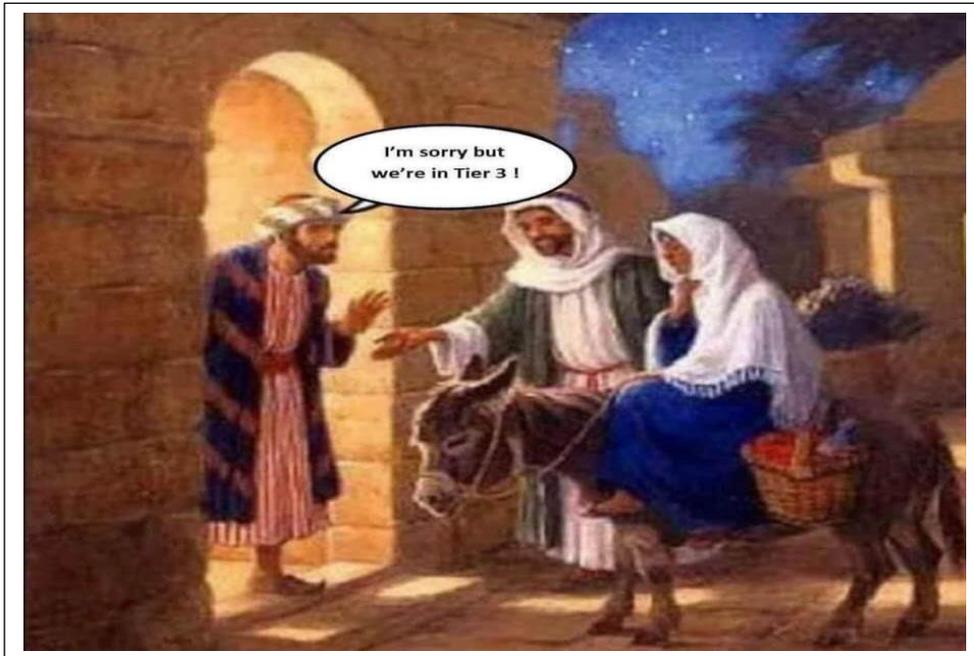
A daily retreat for Advent:
<https://birminghamdiocesantrust.eu.rit.org.uk/advert-retreat-the-jesus-prayer>

Booking for Christmas Masses Because at Christmas the size of congregations is normally larger than normal all the parishes throughout the country are operating free booking systems. **And so, it is important you book your seat(s) for Mass.**

To do so please send a text to **07891103592** giving your name, your choice of Mass time and the number of people including yourself attending. Please note this number is to be used for **TEXT MESSAGE ONLY**. You will receive a text reply within **24 hours confirming your place(s)**. **FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES** reply slips are available as you leave Mass. Please return as soon as possible. **Our Christmas Mass times are: Christmas Eve 4.00pm Christmas Eve 7.00pm Christmas Day 10.30am.**

An act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



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.