

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.

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Dear Parishioners,

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

The late Cardinal Carlo Martini wrote this beautiful reflection on Christmas:

"..As a mother sings because a child has been born to her, as a brother sings because there is a new sister in the house, as the bride sings for the bridegroom, as a woman sings for the man who fills her life, so the Church sings for Christ Who fills every human life with fullness. The Church sings this day about the birth of the Son of God Who is our life, Who changes our existence, Who touches the individual moments of our experience, because he takes on Himself sin, sadness, desires and hopes. ..God is able to reverse our life situation just as he reversed the situation, the human judgement, on Jesus' life..he comes to create inside me, beginning from me, from my community, a reversal of values and so give a new hope to my existence."

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

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.
Monday 9.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents Ottavio Licata and Deceased members of family (Maria Licata)
Tuesday 9.00am	Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr Dulcie Stalker, R.I.P. (Paul and June Squires)
Wednesday 11.00am	Requiem for Winnie Coleman. Invited guests only
Wednesday 6.30pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Pauline Darcy & Daniel Kirkwood, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
Thursday 9.00am	Lisa Smith, R.I.P. (Sue and Pascal O'Malley)
Friday January 1st 2021 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD. Special Intentions (McCrea Family)
Saturday 9.00am	St. Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops. Johanna Breen, R.I.P. (The Breen Family)
Confessions	Saturday 4.30pm -5.00pm
3rd January, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Josie Dwyer, R.I.P. (Kathleen Grady)
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. For all the people of the Parish



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Last week's Offertory: £674.22 Gift-Aid envelopes: £62.00 non Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £232.22 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £380.00 Thank you very much. Retiring collection for Holy Places: £147.61

Counters this week: Team A.

Thank you so much for your wonderfully kind and generous Christmas Offerings and all the many cards and gifts, especially at this time when things are so hard and worrying for everyone. May God bless you all, and may the intercession of St Joseph, the protector of the Church, be with us all.

Fr. Tony.

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7-Day Candles: December 26th – January 2nd

Sacred Heart: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Theresia Varkey, R.I.P.; Frank Dewhurst, R.I.P.

Our Lady: Tincy - Special Intention; Special Intention; Ged Dewhurst, R.I.P.

By the small Crucifix: Alisha - Family Protection;

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.

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

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.