

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,

Pope Francis' Apostolic letter on St Joseph:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/12/Patris-Corde.pdf>

Epiphany means: a sudden intuitive leap of understanding, especially through an ordinary but striking occurrence. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a 'making manifest' a 'revealing' of God's presence among us and God's nature is revealed in complete humility.

For those in the stable with the child Jesus the ordinariness of everyday life was shattered by the striking appearance of the Magi. Here were powerful and important visitors falling to their knees in adoration of the presence of God Himself - that sudden intuitive leap of understanding that here among them was God Himself. Not a prophet, but Emmanuel: God-with-us.

The humility shown by the Magi in adoring a child born in complete poverty in the humblest of surroundings echoes God's own humility in choosing those very circumstances in which to enter our world.

And it invites us to let the Christ born in us recognise the Christ born in the poorest of our brothers and sisters, for God-is-with-us...all of us.

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

3 rd 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
Monday 9.00am	Lourecco Mario Dacunha, R.I.P. (Ryan Rodrigues)
Tuesday 9.00am	Benita Stradling (Mary Henry)
Wednesday 6.30pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. Public Mass with Congregation. Deceased members of Heffernan and Griffin Family.
Thursday 9.00am	Des (Susan Quinn)
Friday 9.00am	Public Mass with Congregation. Maria Wang, R.I.P.
Saturday 9.00am	Fr Andrew Kenny, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 4.30pm -5.00pm
10 th January, 2021 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Ernie & Veronica Mills, R.I.P. (John, Elizabeth & Veronica)
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. For all the people of the Parish.



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

Last week's Offertory: £710.35 Gift-Aid envelopes: £146.00 non Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £184.35 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £380.00 Thank you very much.

500 Club: 1st Prize: £90.00 No. 607 Mathew Daniel; 2nd Prize: £40.00 No.788 Mrs Berry; 3rd Prize: £20.00 No. 768 Mr Berry

Counters this week: Team B.

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.

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.

'Catholic Universe' and 'Catholic Times.' The papers are offering to deliver direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£22.00 or 12 Months:-£80.00

7-Day Candles: January 2nd – 9th

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

Our Lady: Tincy - Special Intention.

By the small Crucifix: Alisha - Family Protection; Holy Souls; Special Intention.

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

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.

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.

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.

As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers.