

# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish and School

2024

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Pascal and Sue O'Malley. They can be contacted at: [sg.sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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

Dear Parishioners,

**Walk With Me** books to guide us through each day of Advent are available in the porch. Please do take one home with you.

**This Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> we have the Blessing of the Crib in the City centre in Broadgate.** This crib is provided for the people of Coventry by the Catholics of the City. Please come to the Blessing.

**Food for our needy Families.** Each year you are wonderfully generous and kind in donating food for our needy families. These are distributed by the school who need to do so before the end of term. And so, **the deadline for donations is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** (No fresh food, only tinned food, or in packets.) These can be left in Church behind the baptism font.

**Please sign the petition to the Hospital which is on the table in the porch.**

**\*Madeline Griffin's funeral** will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. No reception into Church the night before.

God Bless,

*Fr. Tony*



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:** £1,004.69 comprising: Gift-Aid envelopes: £93.00 non-Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £459.69 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £452.00. Thank you. In addition we held a Retiring Collection at the end of the Confirmation Mass to help with the heating: £209.32

Collection for the Catholic Youth Service: £154.43

**Next weekend** Retiring collection for the Poor Parishes Fund.

**Counters this week:** Team B.

**School Carol Concert in Church Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm.** This is always an amazing celebration so do please come along.

**Our Penance Service for Christmas** will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. There will be plenty of priests available to hear Confessions, so no-one will be delayed or rushed.

#### **Christmas Mass times.**

##### **Christmas Eve:**

3.00pm (Not a Mass) Carols around the stable in the Hall for young children

4.00pm Mass

7.00pm Mass

##### **Christmas Day:**

10.30am Mass - **And a special guest will be coming at the end of Mass!**

**Raffle tickets** will be on sale before and after the weekend Masses. **First prize a £200 shopping voucher, second prize a £100 shopping voucher.** Three other prizes of £50, £30 and £20 shopping vouchers. A big thank you to the Kerala community for arranging this

#### **Forthcoming social events in the Hall:**

**Saturday 7th December** - Christmas Social 6.00 pm till late £2.50 adults, children free. Food can be ordered. Licensed bar.

**Friday 13th December** - BBC's Radio 4 live broadcast of "Any Questions" here in our church hall.

**Friday 10th January** - Games

**Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Corpus Christi.** Every fourth Friday 6.00pm – 8.00pm. "Charis": Rosary, Holy Mass,

Confession, Spiritual talk, Adoration, praise and Worship led by Fr Stephen.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children attending non-Catholic Schools.** If you have any children who need preparing for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation please see me after Mass.

**Please support Coventry Book Bank.** Many children in schools and in the care system do not have any reading books of their own. There is a green wheelie bin as a collection point at the back of the church. For further information email [maeve@thereadingdoctors.com](mailto:maeve@thereadingdoctors.com) or call: 07813809213

**Monthly meeting on the third Sunday of the month** to support and accompany 18+ LBGTQ+ Catholics, family members, and friends at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please contact Dcn Leo 07984 071124 [dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

**Sunday evening Mass in the Deanery.** There is a Sunday evening Mass in St Osburg's at 6.00pm.

#### **7-Day Candles: 30<sup>th</sup> November – 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Sacred Heart:** Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.;

**Our Lady:** Special Intention (Maurice)

**By the small Crucifix:**

**Please pray for** Adolfo Miralles, Lily Zuccarino, Jorge Miralles, Jose Luis Miralles, Patience Whittaker, Lourenco Dias, Kathleen Griffin, Franc Bili, Eddie Cannon, Eileen Hardie, Joshua Hubert, Sue Thomas, Margaret Whittle and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Madeline Griffin, Benjamin Ellis, Brian Burke, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers the families of those who have died.

**Sacred Heart Prayer group** meets every Tuesday evening **in the hall** at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

**Offertory Donations to the Parish** The best way is by Standing Order (You can amend or cancel this with your bank at any time) **If you pay tax but don't yet Gift-Aid your donation, please ask for a form.**

#### **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.