

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

Some years ago there was a TV programme called *Tomorrow's World* which looked at what were then the latest gadgets and tried to guess what the world would look like in the future. I'm not sure how accurate their ideas were, but what if you and I tried answering this question: *What will the world be like in future years? When your children have grown up, what will their world be like?* In a real sense we can't answer these questions, but also they can fill us with concern. We know in our hearts that improvements in science and technology, even the very best of them, don't change human behaviour. We only have to watch the news to realise how true this is.

This Sunday's readings are filled with an invitation to trust and to take action. Samuel is called by the Lord but thinks it is Eli calling him. When he realises it is God his reply is to say: *Speak Lord, your servant is listening.* Sometimes in our world of wanting instant answers we can turn that around and say to God *Listen God, your servant is speaking!* But if we can find the time to be silent, the time to listen, the time just to be with God, even for only a few moments, something happens. God begins to imprint himself more and more into our lives. It's a bit like sunbathing; even a few minutes in the sun has an effect and our friends will say to us *you've caught the sun.* Could we find some time this week to do some God-bathing?

In the gospel when the disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus where he lived, instead of giving them the answer they probably expected, Jesus said instead *come and see* and that's where the action comes in, following Jesus requires us to make choices, to want to live by his rules not ours, to go on a journey with him and see where he will lead us. Both prayer

and action are needed in our lives of faith; one alone is not enough.

God bless,

Fr. Tony

15th January 2012. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	
<i>Parish Mass Book, p54. Redemptorist Sunday Missal p698. Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p502. Eucharistic Prayer III p475</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	Anthony McDevitt, R.I.P. (McDevitt Family.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Richard Norton, R.I.P.,
Tuesday 6.00pm	Reception of Geraldine Mulhern's body into Church.
Wednesday 10.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Requiem for Geraldine Mulhern. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jack and Maureen Gavin.
Thursday 9.00am	Feast of St. Wulstan. Special Intention.
Friday 9.00am	Friday is a day of Abstinence. Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	St. Agnes, virgin, martyr, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Norman Millard, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.

22nd January 2012. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	
<i>Parish Mass Book, p57. Redemptorist Sunday Missal p702. Preface IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p500. Eucharistic Prayer III p475</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	Jack and Mary Gill, R.I.P.
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



An Induction Loop System is provided in the church to assist Hearing Aid Users. Please switch your Hearing Aid to 'T' position.



BABY CHANGING UNIT
Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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

Last week's Offertory: £819.29 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £192.00 Non Gift-Aid: £396.03 Bank Credits: £231.26] Thank you all so much, especially in these difficult times.

This Weekend we have the January collection for Our Dream. Envelopes are available as you leave Mass.

Counters this week: Team A.

Church Cleaners: Team A.

Baptisms--- If anyone wishes to arrange a baptism, please talk to the Baptism team after 10.30am Mass any Sunday.

7-day candles: 15th—22nd January. 2012

Sacred Heart: McFadden Family;

Special Intention (N.); June (thanksgiving.)

Our Lady: Coleman Family; Special Intention.

VERY IMPORTANT MEETING FOR THE PARISH VISITING TEAM.

There will be a meeting **ON WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 7.00PM IN THE PRESBYTERY** for everyone who has said that want to join the Visiting Team. **BRING WITH YOU ALL THE CRB DOCUMENTS YOU HAVE.** Anyone else who would like to join the Visiting Team is very welcome - just bring yourselves!

WOW! The bank statement has arrived and the balance on 31st December 2011 was -£20,533.22 overdrawn and on 3rd January 2012 it had dropped to -£19,713.19 overdrawn. When you think that we started off with a debt of over £75,000.00 that's truly astonishing! Well done everyone. God willing, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting a lot nearer and much brighter.

Thursday talks on the bible continue this Thursday (5th) at 7.30pm in the Hall. After David's excellent series on the Old Testament, he will now be looking at the New Testament. So, come along—and bring a friend.

SUNDAY MISSALS. We have sold out again. If you would like to order one, please go to the sacristy.

Hearts and Rainbows Toddler Group . Meet every Tuesday morning in the Hall. - meetings resume after the holidays.

Forthcoming meetings:

Prayer Group Tuesday 24th January 2012. 7.30pm.

Justice and peace Group: Monday 30th January 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Eucharistic Ministers: Monday 6th February 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Coventry Vocations Mass this year will be held on Monday 6th February 7.00pm at All Souls Church, Kingsland Avenue. The main celebrant will be Mgr John Armitage. The Mass will be led by Bishop Ulathorne and her feeder schools.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships.

For the past nine years the Catholic Bishops' Conference have organised internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year they are looking for 8 internships. Five will be placed with Christian M.P.'s at Westminster; 2 with CAFOD and CARITAS and one at Archbishop's house, Westminster. For details go to: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

Please remember in your prayers Fr. Ken Collins, Bernard McGrath, Shelly Maloney, baby Darwin Camatoy and his and his parents Rod and Donna; Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Richard Griffiths, May and Joe Gregory, Donald Cunningham, Debbi Cathro, Vincent Clohessey, Celine Ryan, Bridie McAndrew, Benny McAndrew, Martin McAndrew, Flavio Tangioni, Joyce Cave, Roderick Lomas, Bridie Murdoch, Henry Connolly, Susan Jess, Norman Walton, Bernadette Norman, Rose Hale, Colleen Bowler, Seamus Pepper, Phyllis Gill, Jim Ward, Brige Sutton, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Dominic Gillespie, Catrina Murphy, Sylvia Lenagh, and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our Parish Prayer.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and rebuild the face of our parish family. Renew what is weary and worn, restore what is old and stale; reclaim what has been lost. Fill us with your gifts; gifts to speak, gifts to love, gifts to heal, gifts to bind up broken hearts and rebuild your people.