

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

THE SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED together with some spares. They can be collected from the paper stall and will cost **£18.00** (the stated price is £19.95 but we have got some discount). From next Sunday I will also print in the Newsletter the page numbers for the Sunday Missals.

As we begin Advent can I ask you to take home with you a copy (FREE) of the **Walk With Me** booklet which provides a daily reflection for each day of our journey. There are plenty so please do take some for your friends as well. On **December 1st** the children in year 3 will be making their First Confession; please do keep them together with their parents godparents and teachers very much in your prayers. **The School Carol Concert** takes place in Church on **Thursday 8th December at 6.30pm** and the theme for this year will be looking at Christmas through the eyes of Our Lady. Do come it's always a wonderful experience. **Our Penance Service** will be on **Wednesday 19th December** at 7.00pm with many priests coming to hear confessions.

The mini-bus for the Hatton shopping trip is now full and we have a driver. If you are going by car and have free spaces please put the details on the form on the paper table and those who need a lift can sign up to go with you in your car.

Would you like a walk on Boxing Day to burn off some of those Christmas Day calories? Again, Fr Bob has kindly lent us his mini-bus. We leave Sacred Heart at 10.30am for a 3 mile gentle walk by Hatton Locks ending with a cup of tea in a lovely cafe at the side of the locks (There are tables/chairs outside if we can't all fit in) We'd be back early afternoon. **Please sign the list in the porch if you want to go.**

As you know, this year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday with Christmas Eve being on the Saturday. As an experiment this year I am going to put on an **extra Mass for Christmas at 5.00pm** on Christmas Eve and this is a Christmas Mass just like the Saturday evening fulfils the Sunday. It will be simple and quiet. At 8.30pm on Christmas Eve we have carols followed by Mass at 9.00pm as we do every year

with the Folk Group kindly providing the music which they do so beautifully. Christmas day Morning is the same as previous years with Masses at 9.00am and the children's Mass at 10.30am. At the 10.30am Mass children bring with them a toy that Father Christmas has brought and these toys are blessed during Mass. **And a very special guest will be coming to visit us all at the end of 10.30am Mass!!**

LADIES...JUST FOR YOU...a sale of M&S Per Una Ladies Clothing and Jewellery in the Church Hall on Wednesday 30th November from 4.00pm –8.00pm. **This is a cash sale only.** No cheques or credit/debit cards.

God bless, *Fr. Tony.*

First Sunday of Advent (B) 27th November, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p26.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	All our deceased loved ones
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Ottavio Licata, Marianna Cimino & Deceased members of the family (Maria Licata)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	St. Andrew, Apostle. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Biju & Family (In thanksgiving for escape from car accident.)
Thursday 9.00am	Saint Edmund Campion, Priest & Martyr. Anne Griffin, R.I.P.
Friday 9.00am	Friday is a day of Abstinence. Kathleen and Pat Higgins, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	St. Francis Xavier. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Philip Dolan, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.

4th December, 2011. Second Sunday of Advent. (B) <i>Parish Mass Book, p28.</i> <i>Redemptorist Sunday Missal p21</i> <i>Preface of Advent 1 p490.</i> <i>Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II p 534.</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Bridie Williamson, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Kevin McFadden 1st Anniversary. (McFadden family)



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: £836.84 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £254.30 Non Gift-Aid: £351.28 Bank Credits: £231.26] Catholic Youth Service: £182.42. Thank you all so much, especially in these difficult times. **Next Weekend** we have the collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese and on the weekend of December 10th/11th the December collection for Our Dream. After this there are no more second collections until next year

Counters this week: Team E.
Church Cleaners: Team A.

Blessing of the Crib will take place this Sunday November 27th at 4.00pm in the same place as last year, in Smithford way near the library. The crib has been made and erected by the Catholic Parishes of Coventry and children from our catholic schools will be leading the carols. This is our opportunity to witness to the meaning of Christmas on this afternoon, of the First Sunday of Advent.

Fr Andrew Franklin from Christ the King will be saying Mass at 8.00am on Wednesday 7th December in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral. If you work in the city centre this is a wonderful opportunity to go to Mass.

Forthcoming meetings:

Justice and Peace Group Monday 28th Nov 7.30pm
Prayer Group Tuesday 29th Nov 7.30pm.
Eucharistic Ministers Monday 5th Dec 7.30pm.
Readers' Meeting Wednesday Dec 14th 7.00pm.

Forthcoming attractions:

SALE: M&S Per Una Ladies Clothing/Jewellery on Wednesday 30th November from 4.00—8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Admission £1 including refreshments. **Cash sales only** (No credit/debit cards/cheques)
Hatton Shopping Village trip and Boxing Day walk—see front of newsletter for details.

The next Jumble sale will be held on Sat/Sun 14 & 15 January 2012. Please bring your jumble to the church week commencing 7 January 2012.

Parish Visiting Team. MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED PLEASE RETURN YOUR CRB FORMS AS SOON AS YOU CAN. We do need more volunteers, espe-

cially young adults. (Not everyone who needs a visit is an older person!) If anyone is interested in joining the Visiting Team, please see me after Mass. Many Thanks.

Hearts and Rainbows Toddler Group meet every Tuesday morning in the Hall.

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

7-day candles: 26th Nov—3rd December 2011.

Sacred Heart: Special Intention (M.)

Our Lady: Coleman Family; Gwen for recovery; Thanksgiving (N.)

Please remember in your prayers 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, Catrina Murphy, Bernadette Norman, Rose Hale, Olly Hickey, 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 Margaret Lyons, Sue Timothy, and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Advance Notice: Saturday 10th December 1.00—3.00pm.

Cardinal Wiseman Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the school farm and projects in Malawi. Please see poster **On Sunday 11th December** St Elizabeth's are holding their Christmas Fayre.

The Coventry branch of Comhaltas Christmas Ceili at

Christ the King Community Centre on Friday 23rd December 8pm –12.00. Buffet. Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band. Adults £5 Children £2.50 (2children +2 adults £10)

Christmas with Jo Boyce and friends St Bridget's Birmingham

on Friday 16th December at 8.00pm. Please see poster for details.

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.