

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

And so a New Year is upon us. May I wish you the joy of the new-born Christ at work in our lives. But at the same time, our faith needs to be filled with action. Cardinal Carlo Martini makes the point that Jesus is present as our Saviour but this divine action becomes effective only through our hearts which, by the strength of the Holy Spirit, become new hearts animated by love towards God. He goes on to say:

"...the mere presence of Jesus..does not bring about salvation: there are the self-righteous who ignore Jesus, who reject him. Jesus' presence becomes a source of salvation, however, when His heart is in the hearts of the shepherds, in the heart of Mary who keeps, ponders, and applies to her life all that God communicates through the birth of Jesus."

Imagine stepping outside the door of your house into a gale so incredibly powerful that it lifts you off your feet and carries you through the air. This is the fullness of life our hearts find when we go out of ourselves and meet the absolute love of God, which is given to us in Jesus.

So as we begin another year on this the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, let's ask her prayers that we will be willing to ponder in our hearts all that God wants to achieve in our lives, that we will respond to Him with generosity as Mary did so perfectly, and in doing so may we come to realise that doing God's will never takes anything from us, it always gives because we become caught up in God Himself and everything then is so very different. And in a very real sense you already know this for the families who received the Christmas Parcels were all so grateful to you and overwhelmed by your kindness. The Christ in them rejoiced to meet the Christ in you.

God bless,
Fr. Tony

1st January 2012. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. (B) <i>Parish Mass Book, p44.</i> <i>Redemptorist Sunday Missal p79</i> <i>Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary p504.</i> <i>Eucharistic Prayer III p475</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Johanna "Babe" Breen, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	Rosie McDevitt, R.I.P. (McDevitt Family.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 10.00am	St. Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen. Donald Cunningham {sick} (Mary & Family)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Johanna (Josie) Dwyer, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am 6.00pm	Charley Sullivan—Special intention. (P. Kirkwood.) Reception of Catriona Murphy's body into Church.
Friday 11.15am	Friday is a day of Abstinence. Requiem for Catriona Murphy.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Joyce Ostick, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.

8th January 2012. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (B) <i>Parish Mass Book, p49.</i> <i>Redemptorist Sunday Missal p88.</i> <i>Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord p493.</i> <i>Eucharistic Prayer III p475</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Owen Byrne, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	John and Mary Gavin.



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Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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

Thank you so much for your wonderfully kind and generous Christmas Offerings and all the many gifts and cards. I am very grateful, especially when times are so hard. As we begin a New Year, may the joy of The Lord be with you and your families, God bless you all,

Fr. Tony.

The Christmas Bazaar—Final result. Thank you all so much for your support. The final figure is a magnificent £1,732.68 - the best result ever!

Thursday talks on the bible resume 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. A fresh supply has arrived and will be available after Masses this weekend. If you ordered one please collect it from the sacristy after Mass and there are spares on sale in the paper stall for anyone who wants to buy a Missal. Cost: £18.00.

JUMBLE SALE Sat/Sun 14 & 15 January 2012. Please bring your jumble to the church week commencing 7 January 2012.
Sat 14 January 2012, 4 - 6pm
Sun 15 January 2012, 10 - 11.30am
at Sacred Heart Church Hall
Wanted: Clothing/Handbags/Belts/Shoes/Curtains/Sheets/Towels/Jewellery/Bric-a-Brac/Household Goods/Toys/Games
(Please bring to Sacred Heart Church from 7th January 2012 or Tel. 76 452039 to arrange collection)

Parish Visiting Team. We really do need to start as soon as we can. If you still haven't returned all the paperwork for your CRB forms, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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

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.

Forthcoming meetings:

Prayer Group Tuesday 10th 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.

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

Can you help? I received an e-mail from someone trying to trace a member of their family—a Mary Teresa Jennings. Mary's mother Sylvia (R.I.P.) lived in Canley Road, Coventry. Does anyone know Mary Teresa Jennings? She would be about 75 years old.

7-day candles: 1st—8th January. 2012

Sacred Heart: Rene O'Brien, R.I.P.; John O'Brien, R.I.P.; Eve O'Brien, R.I.P.

Our Lady: John Macdonald & Patrick Brennan, R.I.P.; Coleman Family; Special Intention (Maria.)

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 Olly Hickey, Catrina Murphy, and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.