

# Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly  
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

During the week I went to see the new Sherlock Holmes film which I thoroughly enjoyed. The special effects were really good and we're used to seeing special effects these days, not only in films, but on TV and in commercials. So much so that we can become cautious of what we see and wonder if it is real or not. 'Did that actually happen or is it all made up?'

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the 'making manifest', the revealing of his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. And this is an event where there are no special effects only absolute reality. Yet God's reality, which is REAL is very different from ours and from our imaginings. God does not behave the way we expect Him to; will not reveal himself in the guise of superman, because if human beings were supposed to fly we'd all have born on the planet Krypton and everyone would have been given the name Clarke Kent! - This is fantasy that we watch on a cinema screen. God came to do for us what we can't do for ourselves and to that end when God in Christ entered our world he did so in order to make a journey, one that was always down, not up. Throughout his life Christ let go of everything; he could never be possessed since he didn't possess anything, even to the extent of accepting death, death on a cross. And what is 'up' and what is 'down'? - If you could dig a hole and keep on digging, forever going downwards, eventually you'd emerge on Bondi beach where the sun shines brightly and the sea is beautiful and warm. So, what we think of as failure God turns into the resurrection. Because of Christ he will achieve this in our lives too. Christ is the first-fruits, where he has gone, and in the way he has journeyed, we too must go and we also must journey. The Wise Men were wise be-

cause they were open to adoring God in the most unlikely of places. Let's not create God in our own image and likeness, instead let us also humbly worship the infant and know we are truly in the presence of the awesomeness of God.

God bless, *Fr. Tony*.

<b>8th January 2012. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (B)</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.
<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.</b>	
Monday 9.00am	Frank Dewhurst, R.I.P.
Tuesday 6.00pm	Reception of Sylvia Lenagh's body into Church.
Wednesday 10.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	<b>End of the Christmas Season.</b> <b>First week in Ordinary Time.</b> Requiem for Sylvia Lenagh <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b> Michael & Mary Ellen McDevitt (Charlie McDevitt.)
Thursday 9.00am	Nancy Bernardo, R.I.P.
<b>Friday is a day of Abstinence.</b>	
Friday 9.00am	Phylis Gibson and Linda Stubbs—Special Intention.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b> Rev. Michael Knight, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.
<b>15th January 2012. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)</b> <i>Parish Mass Book, p54.</i> <i>Redemptorist Sunday Missal p698.</i> <i>Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p502.</i> <i>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.



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**BABY CHANGING UNIT**  
Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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

**Last week's Offertory:** £927.17 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £168.80 Non Gift-Aid: £527.11 Bank Credits: £231.26] Thank you all so much, especially in these difficult times.

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

**Counters this week: Team E.**

**Church Cleaners: Team B.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**JUMBLE SALE.**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 or Tel. 76 452039 to arrange collection)

**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** 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.** 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.

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

**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: 8th—16th January. 2012**

**Sacred Heart:** Coleman Family; Murphy Family; Connor recovery.

**Our Lady:** Patricia (Special Intention); Kelly Family; Special Intention (Maria.)

**Please remember in your prayers** Fr. Ken Collins, Dominic Gillespie, 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 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.