



# NEWSLETTER

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### DECEMBER 2016

18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	Rolly & Jocelyn (Wed. Ann) (Santa Terezinha Choir)
		18.00	Rex Lumibao +
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Thanksgiving: Suverna
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Mary Quigley +
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed		<b>NO MASS</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	John McVeigh +
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	09.00	Thanksgiving: Vikram Pinheiro
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00	Karen Liesching-Schroder: Get well
		18.00	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS (Filipino Choir)
			Moloney Family
		23.30	<b>CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE</b> (Main Choir)
		00.00	<b>SOLEMN NATIVITY MASS AT MIDNIGHT:</b> (Main Choir).
			Pro Populo
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.00	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b> (African Choir)
			Michael Cullen +
		18.00	<b>NO MASS</b>

**CONFESIONS:** this Saturday from 10.30am to 11.00am or at any time by arrangement with Fr Naz.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR RECOVERING:** Minnie Rowse, Jean Collard, Pat Barfield, Dennis Thompson, Philomena Little, Sally Muhuta, Anna Ingelton, Ann Holden, Paddy Meridith, Michelle Iverson, Major Bartolome Giron, Vera Cooper, Bernadette Samworth, Natasha Anderson, Sr. Rose, Julio Arquimbau, Kate Surman, Steven Bradley, Johanes Baptista Klau, Bozena Pastuszka, Lucas Randall, Neville Melhado, Betty Duff, Britany McQueen, Noreen Mills, Christopher Owen King, Heather McQueen and all who care for the sick.

**RECENT DEAD:** Leonia Amaral

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Robert Craig

#### FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offertory: £236.49
- Father Hudson's Care: £110.41
- Donation to Christmas Bazaar: £5.00
- Sponsorship to Croagh Patrick: £55.00

Thank you to all for your generous support.

**HALF & HALF** Please keep buying tickets for the next draw which will take place today, 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Please follow the specific rota for serving at the Christmas Masses.

#### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:

- **9.30AM MASS:** Jenny Parker Matthew Emmerson and Chris Donovan
- **6.00PM MASS:** Fred Manansala and John Thomas

**PARISH DINNER DANCE:** A big thank you to the Filipino Community for an excellent dinner and a well-organized evening for the Dinner Dance last night. We had a big support from non-parishioners. A big thank you to all the people of the parish who supported this event.

**PARISH CALENDAR:** for 2017 is available at the piety stall depicting pictures of the different parish celebrations. It costs £7.00 and please buy for your family and friends of the parish.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS:** will take place on Christmas Eve, Saturday at 10.30am. All Flower arrangement teams please come to give a hand.

**COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS MASSES:** There will be only one collection for both those on Gift Aid and the Christmas Offerings (white envelopes).

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** Please note that there will be no Sunday Evening Mass on Christmas Day. The only Mass will be at 10am. Those who go to the Sunday Evening Mass have an option to come to the Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm on Saturday or come to the Midnight Mass.

**DURING THE CREED AT THE NATIVITY MASSES** all are invited to kneel at the words "...and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate ...."

**RETREAT FOR ALL CHOIR MEMBERS** will be on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at St Gregory the Great Catholic School from 11am till 4pm.

#### PRAYER BEFORE THE ADVENT WREATH:

*Father in heaven, Our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth; Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever, Amen*