



NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY

10TH DECEMBER 2017

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

DECEMBER 2017

10 th		09.30	Veronica Robin Intention (Thanksgiving)
			<i>Main Choir</i>
		18.00	Pro Populo
11 th	Mon	09.00	Intentions for Nathaly & Veronique
12 th	Tue	19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Nuala McNally Intention
13 th	Wed		NO MASS
14 th	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION
		19.00	Eva Madigan + <i>St John of the Cross</i>
15 th	Fri	09.00	Brigid Dollard
16 th	Sat	10.00	Tito Da Costa
		10.30-11.00	CONFessions
		18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION
17 th			3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		09.30	Intention of Fr Pat Armstrong
			<i>African Choir</i>
		18.00	Pro Populo

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, Julio Arquimbau, Kate Surman, Steven Bradley, Johanes Baptista Klau, Bozena Pastuszka, Lucas Randall, Neville Melhado, Betty Duff, Noreen Mills, Christopher Owen King, Mary

RECENT DEAD: Kirsty Riseley and Alice Njeri Kamau

ANNIVERSARIES: E F Brunrius and Sarah Craig

FINANCES:

- Offertory: £264.16
- Bazaar Final Total: £2,137.70
- Side Window Project: £86.32

HALF & HALF Congratulations to Pat Griffiths who won £36.50 from the November draw. Please keep buying tickets for December to be drawn on 31st December.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: for poor parishes

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- **TODAY 9.30am:** Lorraine McKenny, Pat McGroarty and Jenny Parker. **6.00pm:** John Thomas and Juniya John.
- **NEXT WEEK 9.30am:** Mary Barry, Matthew Emmerson, and Nuala McNally. **6.00pm:** Fred Manansala and Lilian Mwawa

EPISCOPAL VISITATION OF SACRED HEART A big thank you to all who supported the scheduled events of visitation of Bishop William Kenny last week. I wish to thank all who gave a hand in the run up to the weekend and those who provided meals for the bishop.

WELCOME TO THE SISTERS OF THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY, THE

WORK: Sisters Bianca, Tatiana, Maria and Caroline are joining us at both Sunday speaking to us about their work. After the 9.30am Mass please come to the hall where they have displayed something of their origins and ministry. They will also be showing a 20 minute film in the hall over a cup of tea and they are available to answer any questions you may have.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER FROM 6PM TO 7PM: for those who would like to be baptised or received into the catholic faith at Easter

PARENTS MEETING FOR CHILDREN WISHING TO JOIN THE

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 7pm. The first Confirmation session will start on Tuesday, 9th January at 4.45pm. Confirmation Day will be Saturday 21st April at 11am

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER: A big thank you to John Thomas for a well organized come together of the people of the parish at the White Horse in Headington last Friday. Those who took part had a great time.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 11TH MAY 2018 TO 15TH MAY 2018. Those going please pick a new form from Helen Cullen. We have a new deal and the Full package has gone down to £580 per person instead of £603. For a room to oneself there is an extra of £92. Full payment is required by March 2018.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Tuesday, 19th Dec at 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

- **VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS):** Sunday, 24 December at 6pm(*African Choir*)
- **CAROL SERVICE:** Sunday, 24 December at 11.30PM: (*Filipino Choir*)
- **SOLEMN NATIVITY MASS AT MIDNIGHT: CHRISTMAS** (*Filipino Choir*)
- **DAY MASS:** Monday 25th December at 10am: (*Main Choir*).

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