



## NEWSLETTER

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### DECEMBER 2017

17 <sup>th</sup>		09.30	Intention of Fr Pat Armstrong <i>African Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>Pro Populo</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Thanksgiving: Rolly & Jocelyn
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19.00	<b>ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		NO MASS
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION
		19.00	Mary Quigley +
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	09.00	Jesmi and Family Intentions
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	10.00	Geoffrey Walter Stevens + (ann)
		<b>10.30-11.00 CONFESSIONS</b>	
		18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION
24 <sup>th</sup>			<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
		09.30	Eva Madigan + <i>Main Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS): (African Choir)</b>

**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 Healey, Charlie King, Andrew Pile and all who care for the sick.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Robert Craig

#### FINANCES:

- Offertory: £138.19
- Poor Parishes: £27.68
- Sponsored Walk Santiago Compostella: £105.00
- Donation to the Side Window Project: £20.00

**HALF & HALF:** Please keep buying tickets for December draw to be done on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- **TODAY 9.30am:** Mary Barry, Matthew Emmerson, and Nuala McNally. **6.00pm:** Fred Manansala and Lilian Mwawa
- **NEXT WEEK 9.30am:** Chris Donovan, Jenny Parker and Philomena Doherty. **6.00pm:** John Kusumalayam and Ela Manansala.

#### JOURNEY IN FAITH: TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER FROM 6PM TO

**7PM:** for those who would like to be baptised or received into the catholic faith at Easter

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** will take place for the people of the parish this Tuesday, at 7pm. Fr Peter Brealey of Our Lady Help of Christians and Fr Pius Duniya of St Anthony of Padua will be available to hear confessions. A best way to respond to the summons of John the Baptist for spiritual preparation for the One to come.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

- A retiring collection will be taken today at both Masses.
- All flower groups please give a hand in flower arrangements for Christmas soon after the 9.30am Mass next week.

#### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMoF 2018)

- will take place in Dublin from 21 -26 August 2018. Oxford North Deanery is looking to sponsor one family from the deanery. If interested to be considered please contact Fr Naz. Otherwise the WMoF18 is open to anybody to go who may wish to sponsor themselves. Families can be mum, dad and children or single parent family.
- Icon cards with the Official Family Prayer for are available at £2 each

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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*