



## NEWSLETTER

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### JANUARY 2018

28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	Antonio Pereira & Joao Brito Pereira + <i>African Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>Pro Populo</b>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Eddie Parker +
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	09.10	ST JOHN FISHER WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
		19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Daniel Crowley +
31 <sup>st</sup>	Wed		NO MASS
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	Sheila Kellegher +
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	09.00	<b>CANDLEMAS</b>
			<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b>
			Nellie Paddy McLoughlin +
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	10.00	Arthur McGroarty's Intention
			<b>St Blaise</b>
			<b>BLESSING OF THROATS</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	Mary Haneghan Intention
			<i>Filipino Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>Pro Populo</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR RECOVERING:** Minnie Rowse, Jean Collard, Pat Barfield, Dennis Thompson, Philomena Little, Sally Muhuta, Anna Ingelton, 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.

#### RECENT DEAD:

- Fiona Young, Eiling Young's daughter
- Richard Mwawa, Lilian Tatenda's grandfather

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Florrie Murphy

#### FINANCES:

- Offertory: £298.79
- Pax Christi £71.98

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Racial Justice.

**HALF & HALF:** Please keep buying tickets for the next draw which will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

#### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- **TODAY 9.30am** Chris Donovan, Nuala McNally and Jenny Parker. **6.00pm:** John Thomas and Juniya John
- **NEXT WEEK: 9.30am:** Pat McGroarty, Rolly Esteban and Lorraine McKenna. **6.00pm:** Fred Manansala and Lilian Tatenda Mwawa

#### READERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Michelle Afanu, Benedict Afanu and Cathy Wanja. **6.00pm:** Rachel Beward, Fred Manansala and Reemon Jacob
- **NEXT WEEK: 9.30am:** Kylla Abrigo, Marianne Fermin and Jocelyn Esteban. **6.00pm:** Jason Waine, Deanne Netto and John Thomas

**FLOWER ROTA:** Thank you to the Jos and Priya Family for the flower arrangement this week. Next week it will be the turn of Maggie Durkin and Margaret Early

**CONFIRMATION MEETING:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. Retreat at Alton Castle has been confirmed for 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April. The date set for Confirmation is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11am.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** for those who wish to be baptized at Easter will resume on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January from 6pm to 7pm. **TOPIC:** "The Church"

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:** Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 from 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

**40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** in Newman's Chapel at Littlemore from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February from 7am to 9pm each day.

**CANDLEMAS**, observed annually on February 2 celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and it celebrates the Virgin Mary's purification in Catholic church. We Christians consider Jesus as the "light of the world" so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day and that a candle-lit procession precedes the mass. This day also marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox

**BLESSING OF THE THROATS:** On the Memorial of St Blaise this Saturday, February 3rd there will be the Blessing of the Throats with candles blessed on the Candle Mass on 2nd February. This ritual springs from Saint Blaise who was a physician and bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Those going please return your form to Helen Cullen this week either with full payment or with deposit. Full package is £580 per person. For a room to oneself there is an extra of £92. Full payment is required by March 2018.