



## NEWSLETTER

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

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#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bible Sunday

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

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### DECEMBER 2016

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	John McVeigh + (RF)
		18.00	Maria Joao Montalvao Soriano + & Manuel Lobato Soriano +
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Eileen McGroarty + <i>St Birinus</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Gerald McNally (get well)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		<b>NO MASS</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	Tony Donovan + <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	09.00	Arthur McGroarty's intentions
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00	Gerryb Byrne +
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	Pro Populo
		18.00	James Maughan +

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Onyema Anyanwu and Mary Batten

#### FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offertory: £338.98      CCTV Fund: £88.06
- Half & Half Tote: £67.00
- Christmas Bazaar: £1,973.64
- Donation at the baptism of Julia Podolska: £7

Thank you to all for your generous support.

**HALF & HALF** Congratulations to Bernie Gavin for winning £33.50 from the November draw. Please keep buying tickets for the next draw which will take place today, 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** For the poor parishes of the diocese.

#### MUSIC AT THE 9.30AM MASS

- **TODAY:** Filipino Choir.
- **NEXT WEEK:** Santa Terezinha Choir.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:

- **9.30AM MASS:** Pat McGroarty, Nuala McNally and Chris Donovan
- **6.00PM MASS:** Carina Andrade and John Thomas

**CLOCKHOUSE FESTIVE PARTY:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2pm at Blackbird Leys Community Centre, Tel 395908 if interested.

**RETREAT FOR ALTAR SERVERS** A big thank you to all the altar servers who turned up so well for their retreat and to their parents for their massive support in being part for the program and in providing delicious food for the lunch and other breaks. The next retreat will be in May or June.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:** This Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December from 4.45pm till 5.45pm. Parents please come along to this first meeting and bring with you the children's baptismal certificates.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BULLNOSE:** Sunday 11 December at 1.00pm. Please pick a menu from Nuala.

**PARISH DINNER DANCE:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6pm. £10 per head and £25 for a family. Please register your interest on the Dinner Dance sheet in the porch to give us numbers for catering purposes.

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** available in the porch.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

- **VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS):** Saturday, 24 December at 6pm (*Filipino Choir*)
- **CAROL SERVICE:** Saturday, 24 December at 11.30PM: (*Main Choir*)
- **SOLEMN NATIVITY MASS AT MIDNIGHT:** (*Main Choir*).
- **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** Sunday 2<sup>5th</sup> December at 10am: (*African Choir*)

**SECOND COLLECTION** next week will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese, reaching out to support vulnerable people, young and old. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

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

**A "PERFECT" FAMILY CHRISTMAS** can bring strain and stressful times to many relationships resulting to couples separating in the New Year. Professional help is available. Please email [appointment@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointment@marriagecare.org.uk) or ring 0800 389 3801 to arrange a local appointment. There is no set fee, we appreciate a donation to support our service. [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) © Catholic Marriage Care.

#### 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*