



## NEWSLETTER

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### DECEMBER 2018

16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30:	<b>Parker Family Intention</b> <i>Santa Terezinha Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>Pro Populo</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Intention of Natali
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	09.15	ST JOHN FISHER WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
		19.00	<b>PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		<b>NO MASS</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	Margarida Turquel & Pedro Goncalves
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	09.00	Mary Quigley
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	10.00	Rolly & Jocelyn Esteban: Thanksgiving
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS</b>
		09.30	<b>Sarah Clifton +</b> <i>Children's Choir</i>
		18.00	<b>Geoffrey Walter Stevens</b>

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sarah Craig & Robert Craig

#### FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offerings: £346.08
- Poor Parishes: £96.00
- Christmas Bazaar: St John Fisher top up: £30.00 and Bazaar after cake sales: £9.80 bringing total to: **£2,049.07**
- CAFOD World Gifts: £33.05
- Donation to Pews: £30.00

**HALF & HALF:** Please keep buying tickets for the December draw to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> December.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Philomena Doherty, Jenny Parker and Nualla McNally. **6.00pm:** John Kusumalayam and Juniya John.
- **NEXT WEEK: 9.30am:** Lorraine McKenna, Matthew Emmerson and Pat McGroarty. **6.00pm:** Lilian Tatenda Mwawa and Fred Manasala

#### READERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Communion Children. **6.00pm:** Jason Waive, Fred Manasala and Michelle Rodrigues.
- **NEXT WEEK: 9.30am:** Veronica Robbins, Sally McVeigh and Sally McVeigh

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

- Enrolment of children on the Communion Programme will take place today, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at the 9.30am Mass. The First Holy Communion will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

#### ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

- **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Tomorrow, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm
- **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.
- **NATIVITY:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.15am
- **CAROL CONCERT:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL AND TAKING CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

**EVENT:** I wish to thank Cathy Wanja, Jenny Parker and Salome Busuuluwa for organising such a joyful evening last night. I wish to thank families and individuals who took part in the evening. Particular thanks to the children and the young people who contributed so much to the discussions we had after watching a few clips on Taking Care of Our Common Home.

**MALAWI TRIP MEETING:** Today, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December soon after the 6pm Mass

**PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm. Fr David Hartley and Fr Pius Duniya will help in hearing confessions.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, children will lead music at the 9.30am Mass. We have had enough rehearsals in the past weeks. Children taking part in the choir please come in your Santa hats.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** We are asking all flower arrangers to please come to please come to arrange flowers soon after the Monday morning Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> December – (about 9.30am)

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

- **VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS):** Monday, 24 December at 6pm (*Filipino Choir*)
- **CAROL SERVICE:** Monday, 24 December at 11.30PM: (*African Choir*)
- **SOLEMN NATIVITY MASS AT MIDNIGHT: CHRISTMAS (Santa Terezinha Choir)**
- **DAY MASS:** Tuesday 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*