



## NEWSLETTER

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### BIBLE SUNDAY

9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

#### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

##### DECEMBER 2018

9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30:	Cecilia Michael + <i>Main Choir</i>
		18.00	Pro Populo
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	09.00	Chris Donovan – Get well
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19.00	HOLY ROSARY
		19.30	Roger Griffins – Get well
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		<b>NO MASS</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	18.30	EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
		19.00	Brendan McNally + <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	09.00	Jesmi Peiris & Family
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00	Benefactors of the Diocese
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	09.30	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Parker Family Intention <i>Santa Terezinha Choir</i>
		18.00	Pro Populo

**RECENT DEAD:** Domingos Savio De Deus

**ANNIVERSARIES:** E F Brunrius

**BAPTISM:** Zifia Dabrowska, daughter to Lukasz Dabrowski and Malgorzata Szew

#### FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offerings: £317.03
- Window project Fund: £70.66
- Christmas Bazaar anonymous top up: £35.00 and Bazaar after sales: £6 bringing total to: **£2,009.27**
- Anonymous donation to defray the cost of pews: £150.00

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

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** for poor parishes.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**TODAY: 9.30am:** Rolly Esteban, Lorraine McKenna and Chris Donovan. **6.00pm:** Ella Manansala and John Thomas

**NEXT WEEK: 9.30am:** Philomena Doherty, Jenny Parker and Nualla McNally.

**READERS: TODAY: 9.30am:** Confirmation Children. **6.00pm:** Jason Waine, Fred Manasala and Michelle Rodrigues..

**NEXT WEEK: 9.30am**

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

- Enrolment of children on the Confirmation program will take place today, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am Mass. Confirmation will be on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11am.
- **Communion:** Second Meeting for children who wish to enrol on the Communion Programme will take place tomorrow, Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Enrolment will be on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at the 9.30am Mass. The First Holy Communion will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**ALTAR SERVERS ONGOING TRAINING:** This Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. A time also to look at the Christmas celebrations

**CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL AND EVENT:** This Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The evening will begin with a shared Christmas meal followed by a short film clip on Global Healing responding to Laudato Si. The film will inform, challenge and equip us to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to Care for Our Common Home. There will be a short time for discussion to help stir a deeper ecological conversion and fresh practical responses. Please come and see how our faith helps us care for our Common home. We encourage the presence of children with their families. Cathy Wanja, Jenny Parker and Salome Busuuluwa are in the organising committee and one of them may be approaching certain individuals for particular help prior to the day.

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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December children will lead music at the 9.30am Mass. Today they will be having a short practise right in church soon after the 9.30am Mass.

**PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm.

#### 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 WEATHER:

*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*