# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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**The church re-opened for congregational worship from Friday 4December. Please read below for further information.**

Sunday 6th December **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9am Novena to the Immaculate Conception

9.30am Holy Mass - Holy Souls

11am Holy Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 7th December 10.30am Novena to the Immaculate Conception

 No Mass

Tuesday 8th December **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

6.00pm Mass- Wellbeing of John O’Brien

Wednesday 9th December 10am Holy Mass – Josie Crean RIP

Thursday 10th December 12 noon Requiem Mass – Patrick John Mulligan RIP

Friday 11th December 11.00am Requiem Mass – Mr Ronald Sheehan RIP

Saturday 12th December 4.30pm Confessions

5pm Holy Mass – Charlie Deeks RIP

Sunday 13th December **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30am Holy Mass – Mo Lewis RIP

11am Holy Mass - People of the Parish

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE FUNERALS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**PARISH NEWS**

**CHURCH RE-OPENING**

I am delighted to have been able to reopen the church, but please remember to book the Mass by Phone or email as before. Whilst it is a Blessing that we can join together in worship, please consider your health first and join us on Facebook or Angel Camera if you feel safer. God Bless you all.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Please collect your tickets from the church or email the office and make arrangements for them to be collected or delivered. We have had an excellent response so far. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK** *“From parishioners, for parishioners”*

If you wish to support this project and help those who are struggling financially in the parish, you can donate non-perishable goods to the office door Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-1pm. Or leave them in the porch when the church is open. If you are aware of someone in need or you are in need yourself please contact Fr Graziano in confidence. Details of distribution to follow.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one or the wellbeing of family or friends, please contact the Parish Office.

**CAR PARK**

Thanks to the generosity of Parishioners the Car Park is well advanced with the surface done and the wooden gates nearing completion. The next project is the iron gate at the front of the entrance to stop the new surface being damaged and providing security to the Church and car park. Your continuous financial support to complete this project would be much appreciated.

**Margaret Burke – RIP**

The family of the late Miss Margaret Burke have asked us to advise you of her passing. May she rest in peace.

**Christmas Masses**

The Catholic Bishops have asked for parishioners to be reminded that the mystery of Christmas can be celebrated at any of the Octave Day Masses, with the same sense and joy of solemnity. Liturgically, each of the days from 25th December until the 1st of January is ‘Christmas Day. So for example, the prayers of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer throughout to the Nativity of the Lord Jesus; and despite having days within the Octave which are feasts, The Roman Missal also states that each of these days is still a “day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord”

This said, extra Masses will be held (subject to availability of Stewards). Please refer to the provisional times below.

**Provisional Christmas Mass times The Octave of Christmas**

Christmas Eve 24th 5pm Children and family Mass (Live streamed)

Christmas Eve 24th 8pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Eve 24th 10pm Vigil Mass (Live streamed)

Christmas Day 25th 9.30am Nativity of the Lord (Live streamed)

Christmas Day 25th 11am Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day 25th 12 noon Nativity of the Lord

Boxing Day 26th 10am St Stephen’s Day (Live streamed)

Sunday 27th 9.30am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 27th 11.am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday 28th 10.am The Holy Innocents

Tuesday 29th 6.pm Saint of Thomas of Canterbury

Wednesday 30th 10.am Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

Thursday 31st 7.30pm Adoration – In thanksgiving at the end of the year

Thursday 31st 8pm Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

 New Year’s Eve

# **Second Sunday of Advent– Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will

make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**C.** The Lord be with you

**All. And with your Spirit**

**All: I confess to almighty God**

**And you my brothers and sisters,**

**That I have greatly sinned,**

**In my thoughts and in my words,**

**In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault, through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**C:** Christ have mercy**. All:** **Christ have mercy.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**C:** Let us pray

**First reading**  **Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

‘Console my people, console them’

says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem

and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord

double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness

a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God

across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 84: 9-14. R.v.8**

**Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him

 and his glory will dwell in our land. **R#**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven**. R#**

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. **R#**

**Second Reading 2Peter 3:8-14**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord

A**lleluia, alleluia**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make his path straight,

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to ….

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Mark 1: 1-8**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man .For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

C: Pray, brethren….

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**C**: The Lord be with you **All:** **and with your Spirit**

**C**: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: it is right and just.**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord’s Prayer: Our** **Father**…

**C:** ……. And the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**C:** Behold the Lamb of God…….

**All: Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word**

**and my soul shall be healed.**

***(Before the Celebrant receives Communion, he will elevate the Host and* then elevate the *Chalice. Holy Communion then follows the Concluding Rites.)***

**C: THE BODY OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**C: THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**Communion Antiphon.**

The Lord will bestow his bounty,

and our earth shall yield its increase.

**C: Let us Pray……….**

**C:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

C:May Almighty God bless you,

The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**