

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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The Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope"

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Pascal and Sue O'Malley. They can be contacted at: sg.sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Parish Livestream: YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXaa0PR2IIDQExUXhzN2lg>

Dear Parishioners,

At the back of Church you will see a machine for accepting contactless payments for Offertory and other donations. Another machine will be installed in the porch. These are becoming very popular in churches and by using the contactless terminals, you do not have to worry about finding change before you leave the house, you can just tap you bank card or phone etc. which is now becoming the normal way in shops. **Stapled to this newsletter is a full explanation, PLEASE take the time to carefully read it.**

The Diocese have sent some prayer books for the Jubilee year. There probably won't be enough for everyone, but there should be enough for one per family,

The word **Epiphany** means a sudden revelation of God's glory, an immediate realisation of something - the moment when through God's

gift, we truly understand. Epiphany is a life-transforming power in our lives that opens our minds to see the truth of God and that has a huge consequence: we can no longer remain the people we were, we have been transformed by the gift of understanding that God has granted us. The Wise men fell to their knees without hesitation – are we quick to do God homage?

God Bless

Fr. Tony.

5 th January 2025	
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)	
CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p125. Preface p557. Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	Patrick and Elizabeth O'Grady, R.I.P. (Mrs Harriman)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Alan Westwood, R.I.P. 1 st Anniversary (Carole Welsh)
Tuesday 9.00am	Richard Donnelly, R.I.P. (Pascal and Susan O'Malley)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm After Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament MO'D Special Intention (Paul and Sue Wilby) Scriptural Rosary for families
Thursday 9.00am	Bernadette Bolger, R.I.P. (Olive Doherty)
Friday 10.30am	Requiem Stephen Naughton
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Richard Norton, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm – 4.50pm
12 th January 2025	
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)	
CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p139. Preface p132. Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	Alice Morris, R.I.P. 7 th Anniversary (Morris and Gibney Families)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



If you hear the fire alarm leave by the nearest exit following the instructions of the fire marshals. The Assembly Point is in the car park

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BABY CHANGING UNIT
Provided in the disabled toilet.



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church. Thank you.

Last week's Offertory: £924.12 comprising: Gift-Aid envelopes: £81.00 non-Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £391.12 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £452.00. Thank you.

Counters this week: Team C.

500 Club December Draw: Total Income £290.00
Total Prizemoney £145.00 1st Prize £85.00 No. 203 Mary Ivers; 2nd prize £40.00 No. 608 Mathew Daniel; 3rd prize £20.00 No. 789 Mrs Berry

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

1st Prize £200 Gift Voucher. Winner Matthew Roche 2835; 2nd Prize £100 Gift Voucher. Winner Pascal 0844; 3rd Prize £50 Gift Voucher. Winner Biju Abraham 0749; 4th Prize £30 Gift Voucher. Winner L. Duffield 0004; 5th Prize £20 Gift Voucher. Winner Thomson Joy 3154. Prizes can be collected from the Presbytery.

Friday 10th January - Games night in the Hall.

IMPORTANT First Holy Communion for children attending non-Catholic Schools. **Can parents call in briefly to meet with Sr Ann** after the 10.30am Mass on 5th or 12th January. And there will be an additional meeting for all parents on Tuesday 14th January from 6.00pm to 7.00pm The First Communion programme will be starting on Tuesday 28th January at 5.00pm in the Church Hall.

Please support Coventry Book Bank. Many children in schools and in the care system do not have any reading books of their own. There is a green wheelie bin as a collection point at the back of the church. For further information email maeve@thereadingdoctors.com or call: 07813809213

Monthly meeting on the third Sunday of the month to support and accompany 18+ LBGTQ+ Catholics, family members, and friends at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please contact Dcn Leo 07984 071124 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday evening Mass in the Deanery. There is a Sunday evening Mass in St Osburg's at 6.00pm.

7-Day Candles: 4th – 11th January

Sacred Heart: Reeja Xavier healing; Anike & Akujobi Family for protection; Tincy Special Intention.

Our Lady: Alisha Family Protection.

By the small Crucifix: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.

Please pray for Reeja Xavier, Adolfo Miralles, Lily Zuccarino, Jorge Miralles, Jose Luis Miralles, Patience Whittaker, Lourenco Dias, Kathleen Griffin, Franc Bili, Eddie Cannon, Eileen Hardie, Joshua Hubert, Sue Thomas, Margaret Whittle and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Stephen Naughton and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers the families of those who have died.

Transform Renewal Convention and Healing Service. St Mary and Benedict Church, Raglan Street January 18th 12.00pm – 3.00pm. Please see poster in porch for more details.

Aid to the Church in Need ACN (UK) has launched an Open Letter campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today:

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>

Sacred Heart Prayer group meets every Tuesday evening in the hall at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

Offertory Donations to the Parish The best way is by Standing Order (You can amend or cancel this with your bank at any time) **If you pay tax but don't yet Gift-Aid your donation, please ask for a form.**

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen