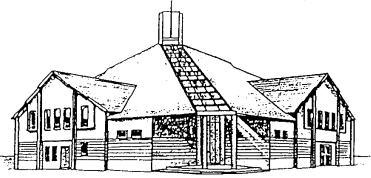


# THE SACRED HEART PARISH



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## A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE : YEAR OF MISSION 2017–2018

- Sun 3 Dec 17** The First Sunday of Advent (Year B)  
The Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, Patron of the Pilar Fathers  
11 am Family Mass  
Flowers sponsored by a Parishioner for the intentions of her family  
Second Collection: The Missionary Society of Saint Francis Xavier  
Bring & Share Lunch in the Hall after Mass
- Mon 4 Dec 17** Memorial of Saint John Damascene  
AD 676–749. Syrian monk, born and raised in Damascus  
9:30 am Mass. For the Repose of the Soul of Maurice Keogh  
Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10:30 am
- Tue 5 Dec 17** Weekday of Advent  
9:30 am Mass. Intention: Pam and Mike Tucker — Wellbeing  
Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Wed 6 Dec 17** Memorial of Saint Nicholas  
4th Century Bishop of Myra in Turkey  
9:30 am Mass. For the Repose of the Soul of Anne Keeling  
Followed by the Rosary
- Thu 7 Dec 17** Memorial of Saint Ambrose  
AD 339–397 Bishop of Milan; Baptiser of Saint Augustine  
Gospel Matthew, Chapter 7: Verses 21, 24–27
- Fri 8 Dec 17** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
*Primary Patron of the Diocese*  
6:30 pm Adoration and Benediction  
7 pm Mass
- Sat 9 Dec 17** Memorial of Saint John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
1474–1548 Aztec Indian to whom the Virgin Mary appeared  
Gospel Matthew, Chap 9, Verse 35 to Chap 10 Verse 1, 6 to 8
- Sun 10 Dec 17** The Second Sunday of Advent  
11 am Mass  
Collection for the Poor Missions of Clifton Diocese

Thank You For Visiting Us for This Family Mass — Please Come Again Soon

Wed 6	Dec 7 pm	Post—Bazaar Meeting
Fri 8	Dec 10:30	Church Grounds maintenance
Sun 10	Dec 12 noon	Meeting of all catechists and children's liturgy leaders
Sat 16	Dec 10-7 pm	Goan Chaplaincy Retreat at the Sacred Heart
Sun 17	Dec 1-7 pm	Goan Chaplaincy Retreat at the Sacred Heart
Fri 22	Dec 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart Advent Penitential Service

**ADVENT 1 – YEAR OF MISSION** In today's Gospel, the Lord is saying to us 'Stay awake'. The Lord is calling us to see the ways in which He comes to us, especially in those who are suffering and in need.

**RETREAT AT SACRED HEART ON 16 AND 17 DECEMBER** This Family Retreat will be conducted by a team from Birmingham which includes: Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Preaching, prayers of deliverance and healing. All are invited; you may come at whatever time suits you.

**BAMBINELLI (BLESSING OF BABY JESUS – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT)** This is a beautiful Advent Tradition - Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child - which helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Each family may bring the Christ Child from its own crib or Nativity scene. It is a wonderful way to bring family and parish together. Encouraging families to bring the baby Jesus from their own cribs to church for special blessings on the baby Jesus on the Third Sunday of Advent.

**SACRAMENTS** First Holy Communion Sunday will be 3 June 2018. Children or their parents should fill-in the application form at once. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 5 June 2018. Details will be given in the next few weeks. Those who would like to join the programme and be confirmed should fill-in the application form before the end of December.

**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY** February 2018 sees the 25th anniversary of the dedication of this church. To plan our celebration, a parish meeting will be held where your views will be considered.

**PAROCHIAL CHARITIES** Pensioners may collect a small dividend on 9 December from 10 am to noon at St Bartholomew's Church Croft. The qualifying ages are 60 years for ladies and 65 for gentlemen. There will be charity boxes available if you do not need the funds.

**CAFOD** We have received thanks from CAFOD for the gift of £143.91 towards the water aid programme. The gift will fund boreholes in Africa.

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Cash	£122.97	Gift Aid Rebate	£ 37.93
Standing Orders	£184.73	Catholic Youth Service	£110.37

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mondays, or Contact the Parish Priest at Any Time  
For the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage: Kindly Contact the Parish Priest