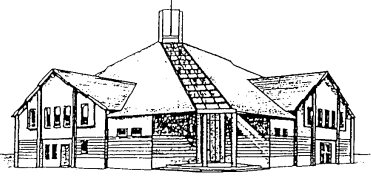


THE SACRED HEART PARISH



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

Sun 10 Dec 17 The Second Sunday of Advent

11 am Mass
Second Collection: Poor Missions of the Diocese
12 noon Meeting of all catechists and children's liturgy leaders

Mon 11 Dec 17 Memorial of Saint John Damascus I

AD 304–84 Instructed Jerome to write the Latin Vulgate Bible
9:30 am Mass. For John and Emmanuel: Thanksgiving
Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10:30 am

Tue 12 Dec 17 Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In 1531 Our Lady appeared in Mexico as an Aztec princess
12:30 am Funeral Mass of @@@

Wed 13 Dec 17 Memorial of Saint Lucy

Martyred by the Romans in AD 304
9:30 am Mass. For Ana Rosa Fernandes RIP
Followed by the Rosary

Thu 14 Dec 17 Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

1542–91 Priest, Doctor of the Church, nurse to the incurable
Gospel Matthew, Chapter 11: Verses 11–15

Fri 15 Dec 17 Weekday of Advent

9:30 Mass. For Antonia Marques

Sat 16 Dec 17 Weekday of Advent

10 am to 7 pm Retreat by the Goan Chaplaincy

Sun 17 Dec 17 The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

11 am Mass
Collection for the Church Building Fund
1 pm to 7 pm Retreat by the Goan Chaplaincy

December is the Month of The Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wed 20 Dec 7 pm 25th Anniversary Meeting
Mon 18 Dec 10:40 Longleaze School Carol Concert in Church
Fri 22 Dec 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Advent Penitential Service

ADVENT 2 – YEAR OF MISSION Between today and Advent 2018 we will listen to the whole of the Gospel of Saint Mark. Mark gives his Gospel a title: '*The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*'

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 – 3RD 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 on 20 December at where your views will be considered. The Parish Council, readers and all involved in running the Parish are invited to attend.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Cash £110.60. Gift Aid Rebate £37.93. Standing Orders £184.73
Society of Saint Francis Xavier £121.25

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