

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART

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SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 8 <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<i>First Mass of Sunday – 5.30 pm Saturday evening</i> CAFOD Advent Mass		People and the Parish
	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Howard Fishley RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Mass	For Shauna Green
	2.30 pm	Polish Mass	
Monday 9 <i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass – <i>followed by confessions</i>	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 10 <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Fr David’s Intention
	7.00 pm	Penitential Service – Blessed Sacrament Church	
Wednesday 11	<i>Confessions: 9.30 am – 9.50 am</i>		
	10.00 am	Holy Mass	John Povey RIP
	4.00 pm	RD&E Hospital Mass	
Thursday 12	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mary Pierce RIP
Friday 13 <i>St Lucy</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Pat Murphy RIP
Saturday 14 <i>St John of the Cross</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass <i>followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</i>	John and Mary Swanton RIP
	<i>Confessions: 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm</i>		
Sunday 15 <i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>	<i>First Mass of Sunday – 5.30 pm Saturday evening</i>		All Souls in Purgatory
	9.30 am	Holy Mass	For Alexandra Green
	11.00 am	Holy Mass	People and the Parish
	2.30 pm	Polish Mass	

Response to Psalm: *In his days of justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.*

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THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

OFFERINGS FOR: 30 November/1 December - £1,181.37; *Prostate Cancer* - £689.48. God bless those and their families who contributed.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *"What can I do to bring harmony to my family, my neighbourhood, the world?"*

RETIRING OFFERING: next week for flowers and decorations for our Church for Christmas and beyond.

POINSETTIAS FOR A LOVED ONE: If anyone would like to bring in a *Poinsettia* for a loved one this Christmas and place around our Lady's altar, please do so either on **Monday 23 December** or on **Christmas Eve**. Size doesn't matter but please ensure they are in ceramic pots or other suitable container. If you want to put a memorial label on, that is your choice.

NEXT SUNDAY – *GAUDETE Sunday*: is also the traditional day for the Baby Jesus crib figure to be blessed, BAMINELLI SUNDAY. If you would like to bring in your crib figure they will be blessed after every Mass next weekend.



NIGHTFEVER: will be held on the evening of **Saturday 14 December**. Join us for the Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm before we invite our local community to light a candle in the presence of our Lord. We especially need people to hold lanterns on South Street and others to pray for our visitors. Please consider bringing a friend. Everyone welcome even if you can only come for a few minutes.

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT SHOPPING: *Church will be open for prayer until 9.00 pm.*

PRESBYTERY PROJECT WORKS: This will begin after Christmas. The Lower Room will be out of use from the end of coffee on **22 December**. If anyone has any personal items in the kitchen/rooms, please remove them before 22nd. If you would like a table/chairs, please arrange to collect before the end of December – a donation greatly received. From **Sunday 5 January** we will be hiring Kalender Hall from the Cathedral School for Coffee and Children's Liturgy of the Word, on Sundays. There will be a final presentation of our exciting plans for the Pastoral spaces and link corridor in the next few weeks. Just a reminder that the project is likely to take at least six months.

GENERAL ELECTION: The following is from a statement, issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, and concentrates on the key issues – not parties or manifestos – offering a series of points that can be put to candidates prior to voting. The Bishops highlight the duty of all citizens – not just Catholics – to help shape politics that are “*rooted in the service of human rights and peace*”.

The innate human dignity of all – particularly the vulnerable and those on the margins – lies at the heart of the statement as the Bishops encourage everyone to “*engage with the election and vote.*”

In making judgments about how to vote, the Bishops ask that the following are carefully considered and, indeed candidates can be asked how they will uphold:

-)] The innate dignity of every human being; defending both the child in the womb, the good of the mother and an understanding of the immeasurable good of a child not yet born?
-)] The dignified care for those who are terminally ill and dying while resisting the false compassion of assisted suicide or euthanasia?
-)] The needs of those who are frequently neglected or discarded by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those who are homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery?
-)] The process of integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here, challenging the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith?
-)] The rights of those in our own communities and overseas who “*can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty,*” providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering?
-)] Care for our common home and tackle the climate emergency which threatens the future of our entire human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people?
-)] Freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear?
-)] The cherishing of marriage, recognising the essential place of the family in the service of life and of society?
-)] The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good?

Below is a link to this and other statements:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/>

GIFT FAMILY CATECHESIS: If you have children in primary school, then GIFT is for you. This is a radically different approach to growing in faith which we hope will lead to a greater understanding of the sacraments and your part in the life of the Church. **It is for all primary school age families regardless of whether your children have or have not received First Holy Communion.** Please take both an information leaflet and a leaflet giving the dates of the sessions which begin on **25 January 2020.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THE MASS BETTER? We will be running 6 film and discussion sessions from Bishop Robert Barron's '*Word on Fire*' series in the new year to grow in our understanding of the Mass. Come to all 6 or dip in and out each week; either way, you will feel inspired and spiritually fed.

When: January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18

Where: Richard Reynolds Centre

Time: Mass at 6.30 pm, film/discussion from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm.

'WEDNESDAY WORD': Come along to an open group each week to prepare yourself for Sunday Mass, on **Wednesdays** from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Richard Reynolds Centre and on **Fridays** from 6.30 pm - 8:00 pm, with Exposition, in the Sacred Heart Church. *Pick up a sheet from table at back of Church.*



ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION: Do you know how to celebrate Christmas tradition in a way that is sustainable and environmentally friendly? You are invited to journey with Key Stage 2 as we explore how to celebrate our Christmas traditions whilst taking care of the earth.

When: Tuesday 17 December at 7.00 pm.

Where: Sacred Heart Church

SANCTUARY LAMP: Sponsored by Janet O'Connor for the Ward family.



CAFOD: Our annual singing of Carols in favour of CAFOD will take place on **Thursday 12 and Friday 20 December**, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Singers and musicians very welcome: please join us at Tesco's,

Exeter Vale, Russell Road, Digby EX2 7EZ for an enjoyable evening.
(For further details: contact Gerry Hinton 07970 042641)