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**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
**Listen to God during
Mass**
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings
Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14;
Psalms 127;
Colossians 3: 12-21;
Luke 2: 22-40



This Week 31st December - 7th January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 31st December Feast of the Holy Family	8.30 am Bridie & Harold Mason RIP & Pearl & Tom Rawlings RIP (S & SR) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 1st January Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10.00 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 2nd January Memorial of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peter Doran (CS)	
Wednesday 3rd January Christmas Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Turner RIP (AM)	
Thursday 4th January Christmas Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Catherine Ingram (CS)	
Friday 5th January Christmas Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Tom Manion RIP (BP)	
Saturday 6th January Christmas Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Mary Pope - Birthday (EK)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 7th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 am Rosemary O'Grady RIP (S & SR) 10.30 am Maria Causey - sick (D & B O'H) 6.00 pm James O'Shea (KO)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

6.00 pm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord (no.58).

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, David Veale, Mary Wallace, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Bob Turner** and **Rose O'Grady** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Bob Turner will be on Wednesday 10th January at 11.00 am with the Reception of his Body at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 9th January. The Requiem Mass for Rose O'Grady will be on Tuesday 16th January at 1.30 pm with the Reception of her Body on Monday 15th January at 5.00 pm. Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

VOBIS GRATIAS AGO & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

As we step into the New Year, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all parishioners for extending us (Sacred Heart Community) your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2017. I would like also to say a big thank you to all those members of the different committees and groups of the parish who have helped me in so many ways during this year. Particularly, my profound thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and Liturgy to celebrate Christmas meaningfully and joyfully this year. Finally, I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ.

JOHN LEIGHTON RIP - BROTHER PATRICK'S FATHER

We have received the sad news that Brother Patrick's father John passed away. Please pray for his departed soul and for Brother Patrick, his brother John Leighton, and their family and friends. The funeral service will be on Monday 15th January at 2.30 pm at Worcester Crematorium.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Once again this year our parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

PARISH SECRETARY

I will be unavailable until Friday 5th January. If I am unavailable and you need to speak to someone urgently please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437 for any queries relating to the Parish Hall and Father Vincent SCJ for everything else. Many thanks, Kate Dalgleish.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 7th January 2018 until Sunday 15th April 2018 that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. If there are any problems or if anyone would like to join the Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION - CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for your child to be prepared to receive the Sacrament in June 2018, please would you contact Maria Jenkins on 07741 294069 or Fr. Vincent SCJ as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents and children is on Tuesday 23rd January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

A very big thank you to all the loyal and faithful supporters of Wednesday Adoration, it is much appreciated. Adoration will resume on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you for the wonderful hat, scarf and glove sets that were recently donated to the appeal. Also thank you to the person/persons who left the vast quantity of wool and knitting needles to help defray costs. The next collection will be on Saturday 20th January so please keep knitting anything you feel will help keep the refugees in the camps warm during the winter months.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The idea was raised at the last Parish Council meeting that it may be possible to have a simple but complete 14 Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Church grounds during Lent. The project would provide an alternative to the Stations in Church that would be more public and accessible to passers-by. It could include simple wooden crosses with a basic description and picture on each and a leaflet of explanation for those who might know nothing of the subject. Inexpensive and a temporary experiment. This project would require a small group of parishioners to lead it. Please think about it and those who might wish to help in any way please contact Judith Cussen on 01905 771346 or email

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Thank you so much for the wonderful selection of underwear recently collected for the refugees in the camps. Thank you also for the numerous gloves, hats and scarves that were donated. Your constant generosity is so appreciated by the organisers. These items will be dispatched on Saturday 20th January as there will be no February collection.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The group is taking a break over Christmas and the New Year and will resume on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of forthcoming BCYS events. These include World Youth Day and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of this Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 4th May until Thursday 10th May 2018.



Main Collection:

£335.99

Gift Aid: £159.70

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 240

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



GIVING MACHINE

Please consider making your online purchases using The Giving Machine website. You can make purchases from a number of major retailers via this website. This costs you nothing, but money will be donated to the parish from purchases made. Details of how to use the Giving Machine are on posters at the back of church.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalms 71;

Ephesians 3:

2-3, 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

TRADCRAFT STALL

The Traidcraft stall will open again on Sunday 7th January 2018. It will be open between the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses only. Please continue to support Traidcraft. Thank you.

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNING, A NEW CAREER!

Can you bring vision, experience and energy to the Diocesan Youth Service team? Can you initiate and develop parish youth ministry across a diverse area? Can you deliver training and organise events? If so, we would love to hear from you! The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Development worker for the Catholic Parishes of Oxfordshire and Worcestershire. The application forms and job description are available to download from www.kyt.org.uk. The post is advertised at £22,000 to £24,500 for 40 hours per week. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 26th January 2018.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Father Hudson's Care have written to thank all parishioners for supporting their Christmas Appeal. There is a letter of thanks and a poster on the noticeboard. Please also see the posters advertising the 114th Annual Fundraising Ball and the Eucharist and the Family Day. Full details of both can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church.

LAUDATE SI: THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

THE MYSTERY OF THE UNIVERSE

In our Christian tradition, the word 'creation' has a broader meaning than 'nature'; it has to do with God's loving plan that sees every creature having its own value and significance. The world came about not from chaos or chance but because of a decision of love, to create order and a kind of 'universal communion'. This emphasises our duty as human beings, as part of the world, to develop our abilities in order to protect it and develop its potential. Nature is both valuable and fragile: it is this fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, that challenges us to devise intelligent ways to develop and limit our power. God, who wishes to work with us and who counts on our co-operation, can bring good out of the evil human beings have done to his creation. It is the duty of the Church not only to remind everyone of the duty to care for nature but, as Pope Benedict XVI said "she must above all prevent mankind from self-destruction". (76 -83)



POPE FRANCIS