



NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent (B)—Bible Sunday

- Sat. 9 1800 **Mass** (*John Buckley RIP*)
- Sun. 10 0930 *Rosary*
1000 **Mass** (*Forgotten Dead RIP*)
1200 **Mass (School)** (*McInerney & Woulfe families RIP*)
- Tues. 12 1800 **Mass** (*John Breen RIP*)
- Wed. 13 0940 *Morning Prayer*
S Lucy 1000 **Mass** (*David Martin RIP*)
- Thurs. 14 0915 **Mass (School)** (*People of the parish*)
S John of the Cross 1130 **Mass (City Hospital)**
- Fri. 15 0910 *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour*
0930 **Mass** (*Joseph Soares RIP*)
- Sat. 16 1100 *Holy Hour with Confessions*
1145 *Benediction*

Third Sunday of Advent (B) —Gaudate Sunday

- Sat. 16 1700 *Confessions*
1740 *Evening Prayer*
1800 **Mass** (*Thomas & Mary Gleeson RIP*)
- Sun. 17 0930 *Rosary*
1000 **Mass** (*Joan Lawlor RIP*)
1200 **Mass (School)** (*Paul Sellars RIP*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who anniversaries occur at this time: Helena Wheel, Michael Smitheringale, Fred Kidd, Emerald Christine, Joan Harwood, Thomas Cobb, Daphne Murray, Gerzy Grant, Agnes McKeever, Sidney Lewis, Hermine Barker, Alice Holder, Norah O'Neil, Kathleen Gilligan, Paul Sellars, Bartholomew Healey, John Kneebone, Patricia McVey, Ismay Grant, Clare Atton, Joyce Kearns, Filomena Ciccone. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Barry Bedwell, Susan Butler, Michael Black, Bellina Casagrande, Linda Cleary, Matthew Coen, John Cox, Cora Crawford, Joyce De-Cotis, Brian & Monica Dutton, Margaret Garford, John Hadleigh, Joan Hughes, Gordon Higginbotham, Emma Holmes, Arthur Hunt, Milina Joseph, James Lipscombe, Beth Milne, Sylvia Norbury, Susan Riseley, David Ritchie, Ray & Oscar Sayers, Hanna Spragg, Veronica Sutherland, Peter Tomkin, Philip Tomkin, Paul Townsend, Peter Walker, Maureen Waller, Sylvia Zaluska, Susannah Gwekwerere.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER—This week we pray for Revv. Edmund Eggleston, Michael Vipond and the parishioners of St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodbridge.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who have recently died: Cathy Waterhouse RIP, Kathy Geary RIP and Delia Mullaney RIP. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM—Please keep in your prayers Ralphie Michael Carpenter who is to be baptised Sunday 10th December, and also Tobi Mandisa Robinson & Amara Blessing Robinson who are both to be baptised on Sunday 17th December.

RE-COMMISSIONING OF READERS

At all Sunday Masses this weekend

JOINT ADVENT RETREAT for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion, from both our parish & St Luke's, takes place Saturday 16th December 9.30am-2pm in the Parish Hall. (Bring & share lunch).

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—There is a collection this weekend to help towards the cost of decorating the Church and School Chapel for Christmas.

DIOCESAN DEPENDENT PRIESTS' FUND provides support, help and care for retired priests and for priests unable to carry on an active ministry through illness. The collection **next** weekend gives us an opportunity to support those who have supported us in the past and have given their whole working life to the priesthood and the diocese.

ST FELIX SENIOR GROUP will not be meeting this Tuesday 12th December in the Parish Hall, but are going out for their Christmas Lunch celebration.

BABIES & TOTS GROUP—Our Babies & Tots Group meets each Wednesday morning 10.30am - 11.45am. All parents with babies/toddlers are most welcome to attend.

Confirmation 2018 Introductory Meeting

This Sunday 10th December 3pm-4.30pm in the parish hall for all the candidates enrolled in our Programme 2018

MUSIC WORKSHOP—All children from year 4 onwards are warmly invited to a music workshop on **Monday 11th December from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm**. The workshop will be run by James Dixon, who is a very experienced Musical Director and has worked in many parishes throughout the world. If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the entrance foyer or contact Marian De-Cotis for more details.

MISSIO BOXES- Some Red Boxes which had previously been brought in have now been emptied and are ready for collection in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS MASSES—Details of Mass Times for Christmas are available on a separate sheet in entrance foyer, noticeboard and parish website www.sh-so.org.

ROTAS for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion for the Christmas period are now available on the parish website www.sh-so.org.

THANK YOU for last week's contribution:

Gift Aid Envelopes;	£271.71
Loose Plate & Envelopes;	£470.41
Standing Orders;	<u>£550.00</u>
Total:	£1292.12
Parish Development Fund	£576.76

Thought for the week
Feed on the Bread of Life,
then serve it to others

Second Sunday of Advent (B)
10th December 2017

ENTRANCE

113 The angel Gabriel (1st 3 verses only)

OFFERTORY

609 In bread we bring you Lord

COMMUNION

938 Soul of my Saviour

RECESSIONAL

366 Holy Virgin, by God's decree

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL—Starting Monday 4th December FOSH will be in the office area before school, and will also be at St Oswald's church before and after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays and at Sacred Heart School for the Sunday 12noon Mass.

Names will be sold for £5 each, if you are the lucky one not only will you win the teddy which has been kindly donated by John Lewis but you will also win two hospitality tickets to watch Liverpool v Swansea on 26th December. The package includes two tickets and free programmes. Entry into the new main stand. Exclusive access to the Carlsberg Dugout Kopside Lounge, with complementary food and free half time drink. Also, if you arrive early enough you have the opportunity to meet an Anfield legend and have your programme signed. The whole package is worth £450.

Please help support Sacred Heart Primary School by buying a name. The draw will take place at the school on 18th December or once all names have been picked and the winner will be notified by phone.

SOCIETY OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE—Our sponsorship of a seminarian, during the final years of formation before ordination as a priest has begun. His name is Jude Atuegwu and he is a student at The Bigard Memorial Seminary in Enugu, Nigeria. The sponsorship involves raising £2000 over 4years, and prayer and support through letters/cards to him. If you would like to help with this, perhaps by making a small monthly donation, please contact Chris Whittam, parish SPA coordinator (tel. 07976 873091 or 01733 261681), for a direct debit form, or for information about how to help.

ADVENT TALK— Saturday, 16th December in All Souls' library after the 11.00 Adoration, a short Advent talk by Tim Fox: 'Why I am Pro-life' . Followed by tea and coffee.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 4th -11th June

including visits to Biarritz, Gavarnie & Evening with Dinner in Bartres. Cost yet to be advised. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Tom.

Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

22nd to 29th October 2018 (please note change of date)

Cost per person approx. £1440 (cost of transfer to and from Luton Airport not included) single supplement £250. Non-refundable deposit £400 payable by 23rd December 2017