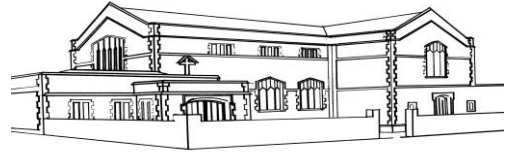


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3rd December 2017

1st Sunday of Advent



TIMES OF SERVICES & GROUP MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY 4 th St John Damascene	11.00 a.m.	MASS at Carmel
TUESDAY 5 th	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Toddler Group in the Parish Centre MASS at Carmel
WEDNESDAY 6 th St Nicholas	<u>9.00 a.m.</u> Fr. John at Herts	MASS with Morning Prayer Clergy Day immediately after Mass
THURSDAY 7 th St Ambrose	10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	MASS with Morning Prayer Confessions at Sacred Heart School Joint School Choirs – Christ Church RCIA
FRIDAY 8 th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon 2.00 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Vigil of Prayer MASS Confessions at Sacred Heart School
SATURDAY 9 th	6.30 p.m.	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
SUNDAY 10 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	MASS MASS

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Response to today's Psalm

"God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved."

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Is aiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 84:9-14 response v 8

1 Peter 3:8-14 Gospel Mark 1:1-8

MONEY COUNTING TEAM NO. 2 THIS WEEK

CHURCH CLEANING

This week Kate Corcoran,
thank you.

PARISH CENTRE CLEANING

This week Sue Loader,
thank you.

First Communion Welcomers Rota

THIS WEEKEND

2nd/3rd December

6.30 p.m.

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Gabriel Greenfield & family

NEXT WEEKEND

9th/10th December

6.30 p.m.

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Jasmine Di Zenzo & family

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

In response to the Food Bank need for the Salvation Army we collected over 40 items of food at the parish centre over the two weekends. Thank you to all who contributed, and to those who continue to donate food in the local supermarkets.

Justice & Peace Group

CONFIRMATION 2018

. If you will be in at least Year 9 from September 2017 you are invited to give some thought to registering for Confirmation in 2018. If you have not already collected a form, please ask Fr. John for one.

Sacred Heart School – Reception Class

are looking for Christmas Nativity sets which the children can play with as they learn about and recreate the Christmas Story. If you have a suitable Nativity Set please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There will be a vigil of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 8th December 2017 at 11.00 a.m.** (1 hour) to mark 50 years since the passing of the Abortion Act. Our prayer is for all whose innocent lives have been taken during these 50 years; for all who have suffered trauma through abortion; for a conversion of hearts and minds with regard to the God-given dignity of every human life; for God's mercy on us all.

Action by Christians Against Torture – Christmas Greetings Campaign 2018

For this campaign we suggest you write a simple card to the individual prisoner of conscience, saying you are thinking of him/her and urging them not to lose hope (or words to that effect). Several individuals featured in the last Christmas campaign have been released. Sadly some are still in prison and it is important not to forget them. Please come to the parish centre after the Masses **this weekend**. The cards (Christmas or Greeting) will be provided by the parish, but a postage donation is welcome. Should you like further details, the ACAT website is acatuk.org.uk

Justice & Peace Group

JOB VACANCY – St Mary's Catholic School

St Mary's are looking for a reliable and hardworking cleaner to join the team from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on weekdays, term time only. An application form and further details can be found at www.stmarys.net in the Vacancies section.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD World Gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't need anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass from the back of the Church

BEFRIENDING TRAINING COURSE

will be held on **Tuesday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. at St Augustine's Church, Hoddesdon** in the crypt. All are welcome to attend, particularly those who wish to visit the elderly and housebound. For more information, please contact Janet Lampard on 01992-428490.

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

'WARE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER' – Riverside Hall, Priory Street

Don't be alone on CHRISTMAS DAY. A warm welcome awaits anyone living alone to a free three course Christmas lunch. Do you know someone who might like to come? Alternatively the meal can be delivered to people in their homes. Come as a Guest or a Helper who joins in or helps with transport which is really needed. Forms available at the back of the church for a guest (light green) or for a helper (dark green) Further information available from Zara & Pat Kimber p hone 01920 420642

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL:

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain, as this information is now systematically withheld from Chaplains. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the presbytery, or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

The Lister Catholic Chaplain Deacon Anthony Curran can be contacted office 01438-285138, (24/7) Urgent need 01438 314333 or via text message 07876-526935;

Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE AT THE PRESBYTERY IN WRITING OR E-MAIL BY 9.00 AM THURSDAY WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.

NEW PARISHIONERS Please get a parish membership form from the parish website: www.sacredheartware.com or ask for one. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox, thank you.