

Parish Centre Cleaning week commencing 9th December

Nina Turpin, thank you.

Church Cleaning this week

Bernadine Bridges & Richard Fennelly, thank you.

Last Sundays Collection

Envelopes: £276.15 Loose: £254.19 Standing Orders: £389

Money Counting Team No 3 this week

Eucharistic Ministers for 15th December 2018

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	Mark Smith Gill Langan	David Timson Tom Stapleton
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8.30 am</i>	Diana Alderman Pam Raven	Paul Raven Sue Lewis
	<i>10.30 am</i>	Daniel D'Cruz Geraldine Cullen	Carolyn Balfour Anna Cooper

Readers Rota for 15th December 2018

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	Jacky Timson
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8.30 am</i>	Nigel Beynon
	<i>10.30 am</i>	David Geer Michael Woodford

Newsletter Items

Items for inclusion in our parish *Newsletter* need to be at the Parish Office in writing or e-mail by 9.00 am Wednesday with your name and Phone No. Thank you.

Registration forms for all parishioners Please get a form, from the porch, parish website: www.sacredheartware.com or ask for one. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. If you live & worship in our parish it is essential to be registered if you wish us to be able to support you in your pastoral needs.

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Joyful Anticipations

Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. It is time, the prophet Baruch says, "to take off your robe of mourning and misery," for God is leading his people "with his mercy and justice for company." God's people "are wrapped in the cloak of justice from God," and they "will be named by God forever the peace of justice."

Paul, too, speaks of joyful anticipation, of waiting for "the day of Christ Jesus." He encourages the Philippians to grow in "love, understanding, wealth of experience, clear conscience, and blameless conduct," and he concludes with a wish: "that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you."

The message of John the Baptist is to prepare the way for the coming of Christ, to make straight the windings and to make smooth the rough ways.

We need a "baptism of repentance," a cleansing from the old ways of "greed and darkness" and a commitment to a new way of living. We need to challenge the wisdom of the world in the way it was challenged by that prophet in the desert.

While we are warned that it profits a man nothing if he gain the whole world and lose himself, the expectation of a new earth must not weaken but rather stimulate our concern for cultivating this one. For here grows the body of a new human family, a body which even now is able to give some kind of foreshadowing of the new age.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church
in the Modern World, 1965: 39

Gerald Darring

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Readings for today - Mass Book page 84

- First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9
- Psalms Response:** **What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**
- Second Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
- Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!**
- Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

Times of Services this week

Monday	10th	10.00 am Mass in Church
Tuesday	11th	10.00 am Mass in Church
Wednesday	12th	10.00 am Mass in Church
Thursday	13th	10.00 am Mass in Church Mary Burke R.I.P.
Friday	14th	No Mass today (Church closed on Fridays) 8.00 am Mass at Ware Carmelite Monastery
Saturday	15th	10.00 am - 12.00 am Children's First Confessions 6.30 pm First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	16th	8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Mass 4.00 pm Carol Concert

Other Events

Prayer Group on **Monday 10th** in the Parish Hall, all welcome.

Toddler Group **Tuesday 11th** from 10.00am-11.30am in the Parish Hall.

Readers Meeting **Tuesday 11th** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Just Friends Group to meet for coffee & Christmas nibbles on **Wednesday 12th** at 10.45 am in the Parish Hall.

Alan Chapman's Faith Sharing Group on **Thursday 13th** at 10.30 am in the Parish Hall after morning Mass.

First Reconciliation our children who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be making their First Confession on **Saturday 15th December** in Church. Please pray for these children as they make this important step in their journey of Faith.

100 Club December Winners

1st £50 Fiona Bancroft,

2nd £30 Fr John Gray

3rd £10 David Black

4th £5 Rosalino Walsh

5th £5 Graham Alderman.

Thank you to all who take part in this fund raising activity & to Tom Stapleton, who organises it

Raffle Winners

1st Photo Frame Tina Cipolla

2nd Quality Street Paul de Rosa

3rd After Eights Harry Church

4th Chocolate Orange Ian Wray

Please collect from the presbytery

Times of the Christmas Services are displayed on the notice board in the Church Porch and Hall entrance.

Carol Concert will take place in Church on **16th December** at 4.00 pm. We are short of choir members & would like some support with the singing for the

carol service. Most of the carols are well known but we are planning an extra rehearsal on **Thursday 13th** in the Parish Hall to go through the service and make sure everyone is comfortable & look at anything not so familiar. Please do contact our choir leader, John Davis after the 10.30 am Mass, by email jandmdavis@live.co.uk or by 'phone 07762 884481. Your voices will help enrich the carol service so please do join us.

Penitential Service at St Augustine's, Hoddesdon on Monday 17th December at 11.30 am & 7.30 pm.

Raffle for Christmas Hamper Tickets cost £1 each & will be on sale, in the entrance to the Parish Hall, this weekend and next. The draw will take place after the Carol Service. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the parish building fund. Good Luck.

Calling all Church Cleaners -for a special Christmas Clean It is hoped that as many church cleaners as possible & other willing volunteers will come along on **Thursday 20th December after the 10.00 am Mass** to clean our church ready for Christmas. Many thanks to all those who already give up their time to keep our Church clean.

New Church Cleaners we are looking for 2 more Church cleaners to help keep the Church spic & span. Could anyone spare 1 hour of their time once a month, always at your convenience? If so please speak to Fr. Charles or call the office.

Appeal for volunteers to join an existing rota to help escort two elderly ladies in wheelchairs from Nightingale Nursing Home to 10.30 am Sunday Mass each week. This commitment would normally only be once a month. If you are able to help please let Fr. Charles or the parish office know.