

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
WORSHIPPING AT
SACRED HEART CHURCH.**

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Saturday 14th	6.00pm. Vigil Mass	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday 15th	9.30am. Sunday Mass	
Monday 16th	6.30pm Schools Carol Service	Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 17th	10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 18th	10.00am Mass	
Thursday 19th	Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm	
Friday 20th	Mass 6.30pm.	
Saturday 21st	Mass 10.00am.	
	11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition	
	St Peter Canisius	P D
Saturday 21st	6.00pm. Vigil Mass	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 22nd	9.30am. Sunday Mass	

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

Church Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday 23rd of December. The church will be open from 9.30 am to 12 noon so that you can come along and help to put up the Christmas trees and decorate other parts of the church.

If you are able to put together and install a display on one or more window bottoms, please let me know (just to give us an idea of numbers). If you would like to dress a window, but are unable to come long on Monday, there will be an **opportunity on Tuesday morning (Christmas Eve). Margaret Ward on 862798.**

Flowers for Christmas

As part of the Christmas plans for the church we are asking for donations of large poinsettia plants. Please bring along this next week or on Sunday 22nd and leave them in the porch. Thank you.

Brasses cleaning

On Tuesday 17th of December we are cleaning the brasses after the 10.00 am Mass. If you can spare an hour after Mass please come and help us. All welcome. Thank you.



Please note that the parish office now has a new phone number 01282 942308.

Pre-Christmas after Mass social time

Let us enjoy an hour or so as a church community on **Sunday 22nd of December** after 9.30 Mass in the Parish hall.

Enjoy refreshments, including mince pies and treats for youngsters.

Take a short while to socialise, and take a little time out, during such a busy time of year.

Parish Support Group.

The Parish support group would like to thank you all for your generosity. The toy collection is now closed and the Santa Express will be distributing the toys via health visitors, the Women's Refuge, the Domestic Abuse Centre, the Food Bank and local schools - more information next week. The Raffle, the Craft Afternoon and the Christmas Wreaths and table Decorations raised £1,100. Everyone who has won a prize has been notified by phone and all prizes have been distributed. We would like to thank you all most sincerely for the support you have given us. We will use the money carefully to benefit the people of the parish who need our help. Your kindness and generosity are making a real difference. A particular thank you to the parishioner who gave us children's coats and winter clothing. Last week we were able to distribute 19 winter coats to children whose families use the food bank.

A few of the new Sunday Missals are still available on the Piety Stall.

(There is no publication date yet for the **Daily Missals** which should be available sometime next year.)

The Hodder and Stoughton edition is £15.45. The CTS and RP are each £19.95. Payment can be made on the **card machine** which now accepts money for **1. collection money and donations, 2. piety stall** (for the new missals or any objects or cards on sale) and **3. the foodbank.**



Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart Church.

Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.

Tuesday 24th December.

Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10.00am.

Wednesday 25th December.

Mass on New Year's Day, will be at noon.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

We can still defeat assisted suicide!

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.