

Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Duncan writes: This week we begin the Ordinary Sundays of the Year. It is in these 'ordinary' Sundays that we journey with Jesus as he travels around preaching and teaching his people, each one of us. This year we shall be reading from the gospel of St Matthew, although today the gospel is from St John. Matthew was a Jew, a tax collector who was called by Christ to be a disciple. The Gospel has a Jewish-Christian outlook. This Gospel has two focuses, Jesus as the Christ and the near approach of the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaims.

Next *Sunday 26th January*, we will celebrate for the first time, **Sunday of the Word of God.** This is a new feast instituted by Pope Francis to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. We will celebrate this in our parish by inviting our readers to be recommissioned on that day. We are also inviting families to bring their bibles to Mass on that Sunday to be blessed. Many of our young people in secondary schools have a bible – they could bring these in to be blessed. The Holy Father is calling us to focus on how we listen to God speaking directly to each one of us in the scriptures.

Lectio Divina

Inspired by the Year of the Word, we will be setting aside time on a **Tuesday** morning following **10am** Mass for **Lectio Divina** – prayerful reading, meditation and contemplation of the Word of God. Each week we will reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome – please do join us.

Confirmation

Our next preparation sessions for confirmation candidates take place in Hesdin Hall **7:15-8:45pm**: Group B - **Tuesday 21st Jan**: Group C - **Tuesday 28th Jan:** Group A - **Tuesday 4th Feb** Look forward to seeing you there!

Why? Course

As we start the New Year, why not join us for three informal sessions of faith and friendship to explore Catholic answers to three big questions of our faith: Why God? - *Wednesday 29th Jan 7:30pm - 8:45pm* Why Christ? - *Wednesday 5th Feb 7:30pm - 8:45pm* Why the Church? - *Wednesday 12th Feb 7:30pm - 8:45pm*

First Reconciliation

Over the next four Saturdays (**25**th **Jan**, **1**st **Feb**, **8**th **Feb &15**th **Feb**) our children will be making their First Reconciliation following Saturday morning **10am** Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this great sacrament.

First Holy Communion Parents' Session

The next session for parents takes place this coming *Wednesday 22nd Jan 8pm - 9pm* in Hesdin Hall.

Crib Appeal Collection

Many thanks for your donations at the crib this year. **£617.73** has been given and this money will be a great help to the Catholic Children's Society. They are very grateful for our support over the last year, which has enabled them to offer a wide range of services to children and families in need in our Diocese.

Gift Aid

Could we please ask that you inform the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a Gift Aid declaration as we are only allowed to claim Gift Aid for current tax payers. Also, if you are now in a position to gift aid your donations, forms are in the Church foyer, return to Anne in the parish office. This is a valuable contribution to our parish finances. Many thanks.

Monday – Saturday

8.30, 10.00, 11.30, 18.00

19th January 2020

Normal Mass Times:

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Sunday

Vigil Mass: 18.00

10.00 and as announced

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon - Fri: 10.30 – 11.00am Sat: 10.30 – 12.00noon

Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.30-11.30, 17.15 – 17.30

Collections

Total	£	2417.66
Loose	£	1152.36
Envelopes	£	1265.30

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus is Sick and Retired Priests.

Friends of the Holy Land – Diary donations.

Many thanks for the donations for the Parish Diaries. The total given was **£83.82**. This will be sent to Friends of the Holy Land to support the Christians living there.

Children's Liturgy Dates

These sessions are for children in Reception (age 4-5) to Year 6. The next dates are: 19th, 26th January 16th, 23rd February 15th, 22nd, 29th March.

Westminster Year Books

These are now available from the Repository (£4.50).

Flat to rent

Speak to Fr. Duncan if you are interested in renting a local one bed flat.

First Friday Lunch – February 2020

The next Lunch is *Friday 7th February*. Why not join us in the Coffee Lounge at **12.30pm** for a home-cooked lunch (£6.00).

References

Should you require a reference from Fr Duncan it is important that you speak to me personally. There are over 2500 people who regularly come to Mass in our parish. Whilst I know most of the people in our parish, sometimes it is difficult to match names and faces!

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of: Sheila O'Leary whose Funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday 21st January at **12noon** followed by burial at Greenford Cemetery. **** Clifford Lobo whose Funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday 28th January at 12noon followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery. **** May they rest in peace.

E-Alerts: Becoming a Paperless Parish

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly parish newsletter straight to your inbox, please sign into the Parish e-Alerts on our parish website.

Getting Married

If there are any couples living in the parish planning to get married during this year, either in this parish or elsewhere, please speak to Fr. Duncan as soon as possible. A minimum of six months' notice is required for marriage.

Redcaps News

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors that have been supporting the Redcaps fundraising. Through our fundraising efforts so far we have raised enough money to cover one person out of our group of 15. We are hoping to raise £450 per person which is half of the cost of the trip per person. If you would like to sponsor a Redcap or make a donation to our fundraising, then please get in contact with Siobhan Denny **on 07908111796** or <u>siobhandenny@rcdow.org.uk</u> Thank you for your ongoing support.

There will be a Redcaps cake sale on **Sunday 2**nd **February** after **10am** Mass. Please come along and buy some cakes in support.

On **Saturday 22nd February** there will be a bingo afternoon in the hall, **3pm-5pm**. There will be a raffle, tuck shop and lots of fun. To book a table for your group or an individual place please contact Siobhan on **07908111796**. All proceeds are going towards the Redcaps fundraising, **£10** per person.

Youth Club information

School Years 4&5 - *Thursday 5.30-6.30pm* School Years 6,7&8 - *Thursday 6.45-7.45pm* School Years 9,10 & 11 - *Thursday 8-9pm*

See the youth notice board in the porch for information about our weekly activities. All are welcome to come along.

We are always looking for adult volunteers, if you think you may be able to help then please get in contact with Siobhan, details at the top of the newsletter.

Watch found

Please contact the parish office if you lost a watch in the Church car park last week.

Mass Intentions for the Week: 18th – 26th January 2020

Saturday 18 th January	10.00 Maxine Potgieter Intentions 18.00 Rose Walshe, R.I.P.		
Sunday 19 th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.30 James Crowley, R.I.P. 10.00 Coleen Park, R.I.P. (Ann.) (folk group) 11.30 Jim Lennon, R.I.P. 18.00 For you the people		
Monday 20 th January	10.00 Maria Dias, R.I.P. (Ann.) Pat Lobo Intentions		
Tuesday 21 st January <i>St. Agnes</i>	10.00 Margaret & Charles Hendry, R.I.P. Carmeline Thomas 12.00 Funeral Mass: Sheila O'Leary		
Wednesday 22 nd January	10.00 Mary Chye Kheng, R.I.P. Donna Gallagher & Family Intentions		
Thursday 23 rd January	08.00 Francis Barrett Intentions 10.00 Michael Egan, R.I.P.		
Friday 24 th January <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	10.00 Katie Thomas, R.I.P. 20.00 Brendan Warnock, R.I.P. (Ann.)		
Saturday 25 th January <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	10.00 Breda & James Brosnan, R.I.P. 18.00 John Doorly, R.I.P.(Ann.)		
Sunday 26 th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.30 For you the people 10.00 Pat Hopson, R.I.P. (children's choir) 11.30 Kathleen Jordan, R.I.P. 18.00 Mary Egan, R.I.P.		
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(Please note the Rosary is recited every week day morning in the Church at 9.30am)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Harry Butler, Lily Fehin, Carmel Galanty, Doreen Jones, Rose Pick, Marjorie Shaw, Caroline Titley, Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Fiona O'Leary, Nora Bond, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Simon Mott, Claire Wilmshurst, Mary Walsh, Edward Vivier, Carmel Keane, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrson, Christina Wright and Kevin Horner.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Coleen Park, Maria Dias, Brendan Warnock, P J & Ellen Davey, Anne Holland, Carlo Berra, Anthony Gorman and Joyce Bower.

God Bless Fr. Duncan