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1st Sunday of Advent , Year B

At the beginning of this season of Advent, God calls us to a new level of special attentiveness. Stay Awake!!!! Let us rejoice that we are called to be members of Christ's church, shaped by God's hands.

Notes for your diary during this season:

- Service of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart on 11th December at 7.30pm, visiting priests from the area will be available to hear Confessions. Please do come along.
- Children's Nativity Service at Corpus Christi on 23rd December at 5.15pm.
- Be part of our Christmas Choir at Sacred Heart. More details can be found in the newsletter.
- Please take a flyer detailing the Christmas Mass times and opportunities for Confession available at the back of Church.

Wishing you season's blessing as we begin this new year of the Church. Fr David.

We pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes – We pray especially for John Bottali, Una Furlong, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Lana Ridley, Jeremy Blood, Susy Duxbury, Doug Mitchell, Shirley Blood, Patrick Foster, Christine Rickard, David Holden, Barbara Dixon, Angela Gannon, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Lily Butler and Molly Sunderland. May they receive healing and peace.

The Recently Deceased and Anniversaries—We pray for those who have recently died including: Georgette Regamey, Patrick Walsh, Sandy Byron, Derek Faulconer, Denis Murray, Sheila O'Neill and those who anniversaries occur at this time, including Mary Walker, John Herbert Hurley and Michael Lyons. May they rest in peace.

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Parish Notices

Christmas Choir— We are forming a choir to lead the music at the Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart (5pm on Christmas Eve and 9am on Christmas Day). There will be two rehearsals, the first on Sunday 10th December at 7.30pm, the second on Thursday 21st December at 7.30pm. If you are here at Christmas and would like to be involved, please email Jane Lavin janellavin@yahoo.co.uk ASAP to let her know which mass/es you would like to sing at.

Advent Reconciliation Service— There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart on 11th December at 7.30pm. Visiting priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

Walk with Me—A Journey of Prayer through Advent 2017 is available at the back of both churches for £1. Please pick up your copy.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers at 12pm Mass. We require additional Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at the 12pm mass at Corpus Christi. In the New Year there will be training sessions for new and existing readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Attendance at these sessions is expected.

Parish Diaries—Corpus Christi 2018 diaries are available at the back of the church.

Westminster Yearbooks 2018—are available at the back of both churches. Cost £4.50 or £5 (for ringbound). Please pick up your copy.

Corpus Christi Choir—We are developing a choir for the 12pm mass at Corpus Christi, the next rehearsal is this Sunday (3rd December) at 1:10pm for 20—25mins. Please do come and join in.

Corpus Christi Youth—Power Hour! For all in School Year 7 upwards, this Sunday (3rd December) with an hour of pizza, dice games and hot chocolate. Free entry. 2-3pm. For more info see Pete, Youth Worker. (Meets at Corpus Christi Church Hall).

Mass Intentions—If you would like to book mass intentions please see Nicole in the office at Sacred Heart and Annabelle/Frances after Mass at Corpus Christi. The diocese suggested mass offering is £10, which goes to the clergy stipend. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Breakfast Morning: This year, for our Advent Charity, St Thomas More are teaming up with Mary's Meals - an organisation that feeds school children in developing countries who would not normally get fed. As part of a number of activities, there will be a 'Big Blue Breakfast Morning' on **Friday 15th December at 8:45am**. Coffee, Tea and Toast etc all available, simply leave a donation in the Big Blue Mug before you go. All parishioners from both Parishes are welcome. Any queries see Pete Emmott.

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Carol Service in aid of the Hospice of St Francis, this afternoon (3rd December 2017) at 4pm at the Sacred Heart Church. Please do come along to support our local hospice. As well as our choir, the choirs from our schools, St Thomas More and JFK will be singing! Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Attention all Seniors - Final reminder for the Seniors' Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be held in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 12pm-3pm, next weekend (Saturday 9th December). Sign up sheets at the back of the Sacred Heart or contact Pat Tonge on 01442 384899.

Beacon Community Choir are performing A Choral Christmas concert in St Mary the Virgin church, Ivinghoe on Saturday 9 December at 7pm and Sunday 10 December at 6pm. It is a celebration of Christmas in music through the ages and includes choruses and solos from Handel's Messiah, favourites from John Rutter and several popular carols. Tickets are £10 for adults, (free for children) and available on the door or from lhewlett@btinternet.com. (The choir includes some Tring parishioners).

Christmas Decoration Workshop, Weds 13th December at 7.30pm at Corpus Christi. A choice of making door wreaths or table centre pieces, the cost will be £5. Please contact Annabelle: annabelle_halliday@hotmail.com or 07736 669019 for information.

Memory of My Father—An art exhibition by Sacred Heart Parishioner, Jack Murray. The Brewery Shop, Berkhamsted from 28th November-10th December. An exhibition inspired by the idea of a memory showing things that affect all our lives—family, love, history and war. Please come along.

Nativity Service and Carols at Corpus Christi. Saturday 23 December at 5.15pm before 6pm Mass. Refreshments after Mass in the hall. All welcome—come early for a seat.

Darshan McGregor. Thank you to all who have purchased the Advent Prayer Calendar for Darshan. We have raised £1373 between the two parishes. All proceeds will go to help his family. If you would like to make any further donations then see the fundraising page online www.gofundme.com/darshanfightscancer Please pray for Darshan and his family.

Pope Francis and the Evangelising Mission of the Church with Brian Purfield.—A talk exploring some of the key themes of the papacy of Pope Francis, with particular focus on the theme of evangelisation and the Pope's call for a Church of missionary disciples and a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. When: Tue 12th Dec 17, 7:00-8:30pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN
Registration required:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Times W/C 2nd December 2017 (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)

Sat 2nd Dec	10-10.30	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Sat 2nd Dec	5.15pm	Corpus Christi	Confessions
Sat 2nd Dec	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Anna Donnelly RIP
Sun 3rd Dec	8.30am	Sacred Heart	Kathleen Murray RIP Anniv
Sun 3rd Dec	10.15am	Sacred Heart	Stanislaw Pawlowicz RIP Anniv
Sun 3rd Dec	12.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adam & Orla Hines & Family
Mon 4th Dec	10.00am	Corpus Christi	Maria & Gino & Family Int
Tues 5th Dec	10.00am	Sacred Heart	Laura Dunn RIP
Wed 6th Dec	10.00am	Sacred Heart	Lit of Word with Holy Communion
Thur 7th Dec	10.00am	Corpus Christi	Matthew and Nicki Hines Int
Fri 8th Dec	10.00am	Sacred Heart	Derek Thomas Falconer RIP
Sat 9th Dec	10-10.30	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Sat 9th Dec	5.15pm	Corpus Christi	Confessions
Sat 9th Dec	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Sue Valentine & Family Int
Sun 10th Dec	8.30am	Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Sun 10th Dec	10.15am	Sacred Heart	Denis Murray RIP
Sun 10th Dec	12.00pm	Corpus Christi	Damascene & Amy De Souza Anniv

Parish Ministries 9th/10th Dec	6pm	8.30am	10.15am	12.00pm
Word	J Lee R Harwood	D Holden	E Laste	
Eucharist	F Sherratt O Conway	D Hawkins L Ianonne T Lloyd	J&L Convery A Furlong	
Counters	D Holden	I Twitchin		

Last Week's Collection:

Sacred Heart: Loose £288.20 Env £423.00 Nov SO's £3593 **Corpus Christi:** Loose £147.36 Env £156.50 Building fund £41.50 Nov SO's Offertory £1,569.00 Building fund £86.00 **Thank you for your continued generosity. Fr David**