

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter201220

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19/20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent B.

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading; Second book of Samuel 7:1-5,8-12, 14,16.

The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

Psalm Response: Psalm 88: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27.

The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke:26-38

Listen, you are to conceive and bear a son.

The Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Advent puts before us the story of the Annunciation. It is at the heart of the Angelus prayer which helps us relive the decisive moment at which God knocked at Mary's heart and having received her 'yes', began to take flesh in her and from her. The opening Prayer of today's Mass is the same as the one recited at the end of the Angelus. With only a few days until the feast of Christmas we are invited to fix our gaze on the wonderful mystery that Mary treasured for nine months in her virgin womb- the mystery of God who is made man. Pope Benedict XVI.

Masses during next week

Monday , 10am Private Mass at Sacred Heart recorded for YouTube available by noon.

Tuesday, 9am Funeral Mass at English Martyrs for Imelda (Alice) Smyth

Wednesday, 7pm Public Mass at Sacred Heart in the main Chapel.

Thursday – Christmas Eve

5pm, Mass at English Martyrs

8pm, Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday – Christmas Day

9.30am, Mass at Sacred Heart

11am, Mass at English Martyrs

Both Christmas Eve Masses are now fully booked.

Christmas Day Masses there are a few places available at both Churches. You must book.

Saturday- Boxing Day 5pm Mass for Sunday at Sacred Heart

Sunday – Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Sacred Heart 9.30am

English Martyrs 11 am.

We will be streaming live Christmas Masses from English Martyrs at YouTube – English Martyrs Church Rugby and the Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart will be recorded and available on YouTube – Sacred Heart Bilton on Christmas Morning.

IMPORTANT - Please do not attend any public gathering if you have any Covid symptoms.

Observe Precautions:

Sanitise hands before and after,

Track and Trace,

Masks must be worn and observe Social Distancing,

No social contact with others before and after Mass.

No singing allowed

We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Masses at English Martyrs and Sacred Heart and hope you will do your best to make things safe for everyone.

We remember all those who are unable to join us for public worship at this time and share the Mass on YouTube and other media.

We thank all those who have been helping with the stewarding at our public services.

We pray for those whose health has been affected by the Covid pandemic and remember those who have died. We pray for those who are working in our health and caring services at this challenging time.

May the Lord whose coming we celebrate at this Christmas time keep us united in faith and love.