

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 051221

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday 9.30-12 noon

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Baruch

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Response: Psalm 125 What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare away for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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PARISHES' MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS LS= Live Stream as indicated

Saturday 4th	5pm at SH	Rosie Richardson RIP LS
Sunday 5th	9.30am at SH	People of the Parishes
Sunday 5th	11 am_ at EM	John McStay RIP LS
Monday 6th	10am at SH	Winnie Guy RIP LS
Tuesday 7th	10am at SH	Sick and Housebound of the Parishes LS
Wednesday 8th	7pm at SH	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception LS
Thursday 9th	11am at EM	Private Intention
Friday 10th	7pm at SH	Private Intention LS
Saturday 11th	5pm at SH	People of the Parishes LS
Sunday 12th	9.30am at SH	Archbishop Bernard (40 th Ordination Anniversary)
Sunday 12th	11 am_ at EM	Eunice Boden, Janis Prizavaitis RIP LS

SYNODALITY –WALKING TOGETHER. On **Thursday 9nd December at 7pm** for half an hour there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church followed by an Introduction and initial meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. This will be for an hour. **PLEASE** join us for this important event . This is intended for parishioners of English Martyrs and Sacred Heart. All are very welcome. Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Thursday afternoon. It would be good to hear from the full age range of our parish communities. I would encourage the younger members to attend if they can. We need to hear, listen and share a range of experiences.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

Christmas Eve 24th December : English Martyrs 5pm, Sacred Heart 8pm

Christmas Day 25th December: Sacred Heart 9.30am, English Martyrs 11am

Sunday 26th December : Holy Family Feast : Sacred Heart 9.30am, English Martyrs 11 am.

Sacred Heart ; The Childrens' Liturgy has started up again at Sunday Mass. There are the usual two groups for the children. All are welcome. Tea and Coffee in the Hall after Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – Why not CAFOD WORLD GIFTS? Catalogues available and online. Thoughtful Gifts from you for those who are in great need of the basics of life in different parts of the world. Please take a copy or look on Cafod website.

Live More Simply this Advent and Christmas

All are welcome to join the next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm via Zoom.

Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's livesimply award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints.

In this webinar we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction.

Please register here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

LOVE -from the CAFOD Advent Calendar

'John went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'

Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to preach repentance. Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong, when we have hurt other people and damaged our earth. Lead us to make a change, to live differently, preparing a way and making paths straight. Amen.

