
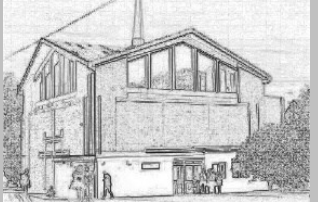


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|  | | <p align="center">Sacred Heart 17 Lime Tree Ave. Bilton CV22 7QT</p> | | <p align="center">English Martyrs 30 High St. Hillmorton CV21 4EE</p> | |  | |
| 18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A | | | | | | | |
| Sat 17th | SH | 5.00 p.m. | Joyce Tyson RIP (Clarke) CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS | | | | |
| Sun 18th | SH EM | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Chris Cassin RIP People of the Parishes | | | | |
| Mon 19th | SH | | No Mass Confessions at Sacred Heart 6.30– 7.30 pm | | | | |
| Tues 20th | SH | | No Mass Confessions at English Martyrs 6.30-7.30 pm | | | | |
| Wed 21st | SH | 7.00pm | Mary Marks Intentions | | | | |
| Thurs 22nd | EM SH | 11.00 am 10.00 a.m | Bernie Hickey . Confessions available after Mass till 12 noon. No Mass | | | | |
| Fri 23rd | SH | 7.00pm | Sick and Housebound Parishioners intentions | | | | |
| Sat 24th | EM SH | 5pm * 8pm * | John McClean RIP John Burke RIP (Clarke) | | | | |
| Sun 25th | SH EM | 9.30am 11.00 am | Clare Harford (Clarke) People of the Parishes | | | | |

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve: English Martyrs 5pm Sacred Heart 8pm

Christmas Day: Sacred Heart 9.30 am (with Children' Liturgy)

English Martyrs 11.00 am

Confessions: Sacred Heart: Monday 19th 6.30—7.30pm

English Martyrs: Tuesday 20th 6.30—7.30pm and on request

There are envelopes available in the porch for the Christmas Day collection for the Parish Clergy.

Coffee or tea and mince pies will be available in the Hall after the Christmas Day Mass at Sacred Heart.

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| <p align="center">Sacred Heart Safeguarding Officer: Sue Leary www.sacredheartrugby.org.uk Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube: Sacred Heart, Bilton Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p align="center">Parish Office for both parishes open: Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am to 12.00.</p> | <p align="center">English Martyrs Safeguarding Officer: Marie Kane www.englishmartyrsrugby.org Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube -English Martyrs RC Parish Rugby Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p align="center">English Martyrs Primary School Tel 01788 543432</p> |
| Parish Team Canon Gerard Murray, Deacon Lionel Pelloquin, Fr Graham Venn IC (in residence) Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered as a charity no. 234216 | |

English Martyrs Parish and School Bazaar . Many thanks to all who took part and supported it in any way. It raised £1400. Raffle ,1st prize £100 Eileen Perry, 2nd M&S Hamper Margot Toner 3rd Carvery for 2 Mrs Smallwood. Congratulations .

English Martyrs Parish require Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti plants to decorate the church for Christmas. Can you help ?

Parish Epiphany Party at Sacred Heart on Sunday 8th January 2023 from 4—7pm. We hope as many of the parish as possible will come along to a shared table. It would be great to have a wide range of different foods coming from different cultures as we are such a diverse community. A competition for the children as well. An afternoon for all ages. Please save the date.

RED BOXES AT SACRED HEART RAISED £555.56 for 2022. Thank you to all who contributed.

Responding to the call of Creation — An alternative Advent Calendar to prepare for a climate-conscious Christmas. Please take one from the Narthex.

Tip 1 : Save any Christmas cards you receive to use as present tags next year.

Tip 2: Find Pope Francis' Prayer for our earth on line and take a moment out of your day to pray it united with Catholics worldwide.

Tip 3: Avoid buying single use plastic in your presents.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR SACRED HEART AND ENGLISH MARTYRS (for children not at a Catholic School). FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION. The sessions resume after Christmas.

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation 2023 at Sacred Heart . Archbishop Bernard Longley will be here to celebrate Confirmation on Sunday, 21st May at the 9.30 am Mass. **Please draw this to the attention of those who are interested . Names on the list on the noticeboard or let us know by email.** Preparation will begin in the new year. Year Six pupils upwards are eligible. Thank you.

RUGBY FOODBANK needs our support. Please donate through usual collection points in local stores or bring your contributions to Church. Top items on their Shopping List are : Washing powder/capsules, Chocolate Spread, Packet Trifle Mix, tinned cream, evaporated milk and quality carrier bags.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES are available in the narthex. Consider giving these as an alternative Christmas gift this year. See also on the Cafod Website where you can order a Gift.

CHRISTMAS POST COLLECTION; Given the uncertainties of the Postal system this year, please feel free to bring your cards to church to be collected by friends and family. Leave on table in the porch. Please look regularly to see if there is any mail for you.

An Advent Prayer

Christ, come into our world of darkness

Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth

Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world

And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.

Amen.