

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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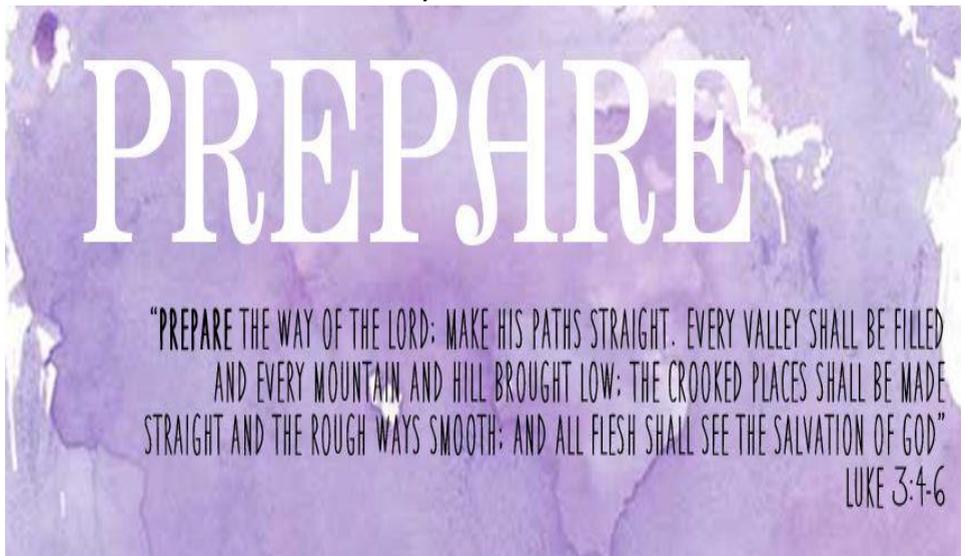


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Registered as a Charity. No 234216.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr C



9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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### Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 125 *resp v3*  
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11  
Luke 3: 1-6

## Mass Times

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
		6:00 pm	Mass Dec'd May Family
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:30 am	Mass People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass Jack & Ita Harper
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec		NO MASS
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>9:15 am</b>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		<b>9:30 am</b>	Mass
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
		6:00 pm	Mass Special Intention (MC)
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:30 am	Mass Aline & Paul Buckley
		10:30 am	Mass People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-12.00 & 5.00-5.45pm

**Offertory Collection:** *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 27.00 (NGA) £ 10.00

Loose £ 240.25 **Contactless: £30.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 52.50 (NGA) £ 10.00 Loose £ 54.43

Altar wine: £ 40.00

**Second Collection: Today Poor Parishes of the Archdiocese.**

**Contactless Payments:** You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

**Please pray for:** *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

*If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

*Those who have died:* **John Farrell**

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

David Harrison

*May they rest in peace*

**Advent:**

- **Holy Hour and Exposition:** Saturday 11 – 12:00 Noon.
- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available at the same time.
- **“Walk with Me” Booklets and Calendars** are in the Church Narthex.
- **Advent Social Project:** support the Christians of the Holy Land

**Today is the Mass of Enrolment for First Holy Communion**

At the 10.30am Mass we enrol those children of the Parish who will be making their journey closer to Jesus, by making their First Holy Communion.

**Eucharistic Ministers - Recollection and Training Day – Saturday 8 December**

On Saturday 8 December from 11:00 am–3:00 pm there is a day for all our current and new Eucharistic Ministers, led by Deacon Mike. We begin at 11:00am

**Lighting Project:** - *nearly there!*

Thank you for your patience and support last weekend as went into the Hall. The new lighting is installed, but it still has to be tweaked. Hopefully, it should be all completed by Christmas. You will notice many more lights. The font and Sacred Heart Statue are lit for the first time, as well as front windows.

**Housekeeping Vacancy – Cleaning, Ironing, Cooking occasionally.**

Working in the Presbytery, three days a week, 10am – 2 pm.  
Please see me for more details.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 11 - 12 noon.**

This year there will NOT be a penitential service, rather the opportunity for individual confessions. Therefore, I have asked a **priest of the deanery** to celebrate the Sacrament on Saturday morning. I will be available in the evening.

**Christmas Mass Times – See the Sheet, or the banner!**

All our Altar wine is sourced from the Holy Land. This is because last year supported my Advent appeal to support the Christian families of the Holy Land whose income comes from the winery and the religious orders who run the estates. This year, I would like to make the same appeal once more. Details of the wine are on a certification from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem – which is on the notice board. I would like to invite you to make a donation of £10 to pay for a bottle of Altar wine.

**Altar Wine from the Holy Land**

Fr Paul – I would like to donate £10 to buy a bottle of Altar Wine and support the Christians of the Holy Land as part of my preparation for Christmas.

Your Name

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## Mary, Mother of God

*As we prepare for Christmas, we reflect upon the role of the Virgin Mary.*

On Saturday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of Saint Anne. We praise God, who kept Mary sinless and prepared her for her unique role as Mother of God. As we celebrate this feast, we consider God's plan for mankind, which grew through the ages and flowered in the birth of Jesus our saviour. This plan also acknowledges Mary's role in our salvation, by her response and obedience to God's promise.

From all eternity God chose Mary to be the mother of his son. Mary was enriched with the gifts appropriate for this role. The Angel Gabriel salutes Mary as '*full of grace.*' Through many centuries the Church has pondered on this mystery. In 1854 Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception stating that as a singular privilege Mary was blessed from the first moment of her conception and preserved from original sin.

This statement acknowledges Mary's special role in our salvation and that she had been filled with the necessary grace to fulfil such a role. This teaching stresses her free will and her full assent to God's plan, and her vocation as Mother of the Lord. The Fathers of the eastern tradition designate Mary as '*the all-holy.*' They attribute her holiness to the action of the Holy Spirit and her immaculate conception as a sign of our future.

It is important to remember that the Church's teaching about Mary is founded upon our understanding of Christ and what it teaches in turn illumines our belief in Jesus. We honour Mary's role in God's plan for the world and acknowledge the special privilege she received. We also assent that in our baptism we are freed from original sin. We recognise how we are part of God's plan for today's world and that we have an important role to play in bringing Christ to the world. In our daily lives, we are often faced with difficult choices between God's way and other paths. In the midst of this, the faithfulness and obedience of Mary speaks to us again. She could not fully be aware how the promises of the Angel Gabriel might be achieved, but she accepted and trusted in God's word. The holiness of Mary is a sign for us of what we can be and all that we shall achieve by being open to God's will.