



## Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

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**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Ralph Candy

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**Sacred Heart Primary School**

**Deacon:** Deacon Joe Owen (retired)

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### Sunday 15 December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent Year A Psalter 3

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Saturday 14 December <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent</i>	5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Confession Holy Mass	John Bennett RIP
Sunday 15 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Friends and family of Shirley Hipwell
Monday 16 December	10.00am	Holy Mass	Stephen Collins RIP
Tuesday 17 December	6.00pm	Holy Mass	For the intentions of Canon Mark O'Keeffe
Wednesday 18 December	10.00am	Holy Mass	For the intentions of Joan Jordan
Thursday 19 December	10.00am <b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Mass <b>Reconciliation Service</b>	For Fr Ralph and his family
Friday 20 December	9.00am 10.00am	Holy Hour Holy Mass	Rosemary Reeve RIP
Saturday 21 December <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	11.00am 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Baptism Confession Holy Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 22 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Connors and McDermott families

**BAPTISM:** Please pray for Alexander, who will be baptised here this week and for his family.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** For all the sick or housebound in our Parish.

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently. We remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** Weekend of Sunday 8 December: £562.81 Standing Orders: £514.75  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**Parish Office hours this week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
9.30am – 12.30pm. The office will be closed Monday and Friday.**

**Refreshments in the hall after Sunday mass. All are welcome.  
The cleaners' rotas are available in the Church Porch.**

**Warm thanks for your support for Ashley's Charity Fundraising** event in aid of sick people in India. £507.20 was raised from the meals and donations.

This Sunday is the **C.W.L. Christmas raffle** - tickets at £1 a strip. There are lots of lovely prizes just waiting for you to win. We look forward to your usual generosity to give us a good start for next year.



**SING JOY TO ALL THE WORLD. 3PM SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER**

Sacred Heart Church, Paignton

A **FREE** Christmas concert performed by the accomplished choir *ECLIPSE* with Musical Director Roni Layne. The piece tells the Christmas story with a narration that leads from one nativity scene to the next. Enjoy tea, mince pies, singing and a raffle afterwards.

***Retiring collection in aid of Torbay Winter Night Shelter***

**Steven Ryan Smith RIP.**

Margaret and family wish to say a huge thank you to Fr Ralph, to Funeral Director Vanessa and her team and to the Circle of Friends, parishioners and friends for their wonderful support and cards, flowers, prayers and Mass Cards. *"Sleep in peace my lovely son". Margaret.*

**'2B1'** A place for all local Christians to meet, sing the Lord's praises & pray, to eat good cakes and relax together. Come and join us at Goodrington Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm. This month's theme - ***'Prepare the way of the Lord'***. Wear a Christmas jumper or tinsel and share in the joy of the season! A warm welcome (in a warm church) awaits.

**Catholic Children's' Society Christmas Cards** available from the parish office. 12 Cards for £5.

*Gaudete Sunday*

*On Gaudete Sunday, in the middle of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour, from purple, provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation, especially prayer and fasting. However, it shows a shift in the season of Advent, away from repentance and towards celebration. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose coloured. The term 'Gaudete' refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon "Rejoice".*

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."*

*Philippians 4: 4-5*

**Dates for your Diary**

Sing Joy to all the World: A Christmas Celebration at 3pm, **Sunday 15th December.**

Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

Advent Reconciliation Service on **Thursday 19th December** at 6pm in Church.

Priests from around the Deanery attending.

**Christmas Masses**

**Tuesday 24th December**

6.00pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

11.30pm Carol Service

**Wednesday 25th December**

Midnight: The Nativity of the Lord

10.00am: The Nativity of the Lord