



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

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Sacred Heart Primary School

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Parish Secretary: Gail Sainsbury

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As we celebrate the beautiful Feast of Christmas I would like to thank all parishioners for the kindness, support and generosity shown to me in so many ways over the year. It is truly appreciated. I wish to express a particular word of thanks to all who are involved in any parish committee or ministry. Your giving of your time ensures that our parish is a vibrant one where the message of Jesus Christ is witnessed to in a whole variety of ways. Your input makes such a huge difference to the parish.

A word of thanks too goes to Gail, Kate, and Jean in the office and Juan our caretaker who go about their work in such an efficient manner. Their work makes mine that much easier. In all areas of the parish there is a lot of voluntary work done that enhances the community and makes it a better place for us all to live in. Our charitable giving to others in our wider community is outstanding: over £7000 raised in 2019!

Congratulations to all in the parish who celebrated marriage and baptism during the year. They are happy occasions that we all rejoice in. As we come to Christmas let us spare a thought for those who have lost a loved one during the year, as Christmas can be a difficult time for all who were bereaved during 2019. Let us keep them and indeed all who are sick or facing any challenge in our prayers at this time.

I thank all who do such great work in the parish primary school and to all who give so generously of their time to voluntary work with our youth. Our community is a much better place as a result of your efforts. May God be with us all as we go forward into 'The Year of the Word'. May he fill our hearts with peace and hope. May you all experience his presence during this Christmas time and throughout 2020.

Fr Ralph

***As our school finishes for the Christmas Holidays we wish all the families and staff
a happy, peaceful and refreshing break.***

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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Please pray 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 15 December: £449.78. Standing Orders: £171

The concert on behalf of the Night Shelter raised £534.76.

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed from Friday December 20th until Thursday Jan 2, 2020.

In the New Year there will be new office hours.

The office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings **only** from 9.30 – 12.30pm

A warm welcome to all visitors.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Sunday Mass.

Sunday 22 December 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent A Psalter 4
Sunday 29 December 2019 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Psalter 1



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Saturday 21 December <i>Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	11.00am 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Baptism Confessions 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
Monday 23 December	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jessie Meredith RIP
Tuesday 24 December <i>Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Carols</i>	6.00pm 11.30pm	Holy Mass Carols	Evelyn McBrearty RIP
Wednesday 25 December <i>Midnight Mass</i> <i>Daytime Mass for the Nativity of the Lord</i>	12.00am 10.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	For Fr Ralph and his family For Canon Mark O'Keeffe
Thursday 26 December <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Steven Smith RIP
Friday 27 December <i>Feast of St. John – Apostle and Evangelist</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	David Snowden RIP
Saturday 28 December <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i> <i>Vigil for Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	5.15 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the McKenna Family
Sunday 29 December <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Raymond Pursey RIP
Monday 30 December <i>Sixth Day of Christmas Octave</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	James McCulloch RIP
Tuesday 31 December <i>Seventh Day of Christmas Octave</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Reeve
Wednesday 1st January 2020 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Joan and Leslie Ashton RIP
Thursday 2 January	No Mass here today		
Friday 3 January	No Mass here today		
Saturday 4 January <i>Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Shirley and Wally's Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 5 January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Kazik and Eileen Anders RIP



Christmas Collections, traditionally, are for the priest of the parish. These offerings support the housekeeping and subsistence for the parish priest. Christmas offering envelopes are available in the porch and can be put in the collection basket any time during the Season of Christmas. Thank you.

Photographs of the recent Christmas lunch organised by the Torbay Knights of St. Columba, can be viewed on the noticeboard inside the back of the church, and may be purchased at minimal cost through Maurice Quinn KSC. Phone 07555536579. Email on devon@lms.org.uk.

Deacon Joe Owen and John would like to say thank you to the many people who have given their expressions of thanks and good wishes. May you all have a good Christmas and New Year.

There are a few parish diaries in the porch. Please take one.